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3:24 P. M.	J21S	Fone	Q5R9

Nov. 15, 1935

9:14 A.M.	ZU6P	Fone	Q4R6
2:40 P. M.	VK2HZ	Fone	Q4R4
9:15 P. M.	LU9AX	Fone	Q4R9

Nov. 16, 1935

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# THE EDITOR'S MILL

ONE of the saddest objects in the radio world is an amateur who can't make conversation (Prize for the very saddest object goes to the bird caught up by a chap who can't *stop* conversing! It was this situation which called forth the invention "Well, I won't keep you any longer, OM!") But we're talking about those who have trouble making conversation, in a game the very foundation of which is personal contact.

One of the largest appeals of amateur radio is the diversified contacts it provides. The next station worked may be a school lad or a retired merchant or a housewife or an auditor, a tennis star or a truck driver, a yacht designer or a dentist. The naturally gregarious flourish in such a profusion of possibilities but the introspective have difficulty in breaking down the barriers of reserve. On this very page we have smiled, perhaps scornfully, at the "formula QSO" we hear so often: "GE tnx OM fr FB call ur FB sigs RST 579x hr in Spittoon wx hr cold es cldy pwr hr 60 watts wl wtsa OM? ar," and its companion reply: "R GE tnx OM fr FB rpt ur FB sigs RST 589x hr in Peruna wx hr cldy es cold pwr hr 70 watts wl wtsa OM? ar." But we must admit that this humble device arose spontaneously, to fill a very real need. It is "openers," a thing to break ice, and from just so inauspicious a beginning many firm radio friendships have flowered.

The difficulty that the reticent seem to find is their inability to go past this point—the stereotype ends here except for the formula conclusions, equally well known. To get past this hurdle and really begin to know the other fellow, the amateur is on his own, he must commence to make his own conversation. Sometimes it is a hard job. We met a man on the air the other night who gave us a good lesson in breaking the ice. The QSO was on the 7-mc. band and so got off to the usual formula start. It didn't look any too bright. Then our correspondent said, "Well, now, let's know each other better. I'm 44 years old; I own a garage in this town of 500 people; I also do electric welding. Have two children. What do you do, and how old are you?" That was his particular ice-breaker and it worked splendidly. It led to an enjoyable 40-minute chat. We know something about that man now, we like him, and we're looking forward to meeting him again.

Let the timid, then, devise a few ice-breakers for themselves. Jot down a few things to talk

about. We don't have to pry into each other's souls but each new QSO offers warm human possibilities that far transcend mere shop-talk about gear and circuit conditions. First step in learning to visit over the air is to be prepared to do your part of the conversing, by arming yourself with a few openers.

Another suggestion: It is difficult to remember the things the other fellow talked about, the questions he asked. If the contact is to go on, its thread must not be lost. When interference conditions are good and a smooth fist spins out the words at the other end, one does not need to copy; one simply listens. It is then easy to jot down "topics," thoughts generated by the other chap's remarks, the things he asked about. When interference is bad it is better to copy, for a few letters in random words often show by examination what was said even though most of the words were lost. If one is copying, a useful device is to underscore the questions asked, the key words that represent ideas to be commented upon. By either of these methods one is prepared for a quick come-back and the execution of his part in sustaining the conversation.

One final cliché needs ripping into: "Hpe cu agn sn OM." When you've met a fellow you like well enough to want to know better, why not make a schedule to see him again? Many a splendid possibility is passed by in overlooking this workable way to another contact. Without it, you're likely never to "c him agn." When you meet again as the result of a schedule you'll feel like old friends, both of you. In fact, you're on the way, for you have something now in common—your previous QSO. It's much more satisfying than the restless flitting from call to call, never progressing beyond the formula stage.

Radio is a tool, we its master—ours to use for human ends as well as technical ones.

THE recent remarkable performance of the 28-megacycle band naturally has attracted a considerable number of new-comers. That is splendid, for there is still plenty of room and a good time is being had by all. But amongst the new arrivals are quite a few whose signals do not meet the standard set for that band by regulations. Attracted by the possibilities of easy world-wide DX, a number of 56-mc. fellows have hurriedly made up larger coils for the 28-mc. band

and endeavored to join the parade, with a resultant rather atrocious messing-up of things in general; and concerning this state of affairs we'd like to say a few words.

The 28-mc. band, it seems to us, is to be approached only as an extension of the technique of the lower frequencies. The practices of the 56-mc. band cannot be applied to it. It is not an easier 5-meter band; it is a harder 20-meter band. The very fact that 28 mcs. is good for world DX at favorable times in the solar cycle, as at present, resulted in the decision a year or so ago to extend it to the regulations which govern all the lower-frequency bands. Thus there is required for it stability of carrier, pureness of supply, control of modulation and freedom from wobblelation precisely to the same extent as in the bands below 14.4 mc.

Five-meter technique is still developing; it is not yet crystallized. The band is wide open for all forms of experimental work and, so far as

regulations themselves are concerned, anything goes. But it is improper to invade "ten" with these same practices. Modulated self-excited oscillators may be tolerated at local ranges on 56 mc., and indeed the superregen receivers of that band receive such signals very well. But when such equipment is put on 28 mc. the result is painful for all concerned. The signals are simply smeared, the receivers customarily used in that band can't accept them, the superregen receivers themselves radiate all over the place, and nobody gets anywhere. We would like to point out to these OM's that this is all wrong, both technically and from the standpoint of regulations. "Ten" is not part of the u.h.f. family, and the requirements of F.C.C. regulations are to be met only by extending to it the methods of our lower-frequency bands. Please give ear, fellows: let us put in the 28-mc. band only signals that stand still when they're modulated by mike or key.

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## The Eighth International DX Competition

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**A**LL Hams, the world around, are invited to take part in A.R.R.L.'s Annual DX Contest. The four major features of contest operation are:

(1) *The exchange* of a six figure serial number group, between W/VE and DX stations, counting both parties to the QSO three points if an exchange is completed in both directions. Numbers consist of the three-figure report on the station you are working plus three self-assigned numerals that stay the same throughout the contest.

(2) *A multiplier* for the total of points made through such exchanges by either the number of countries (by I.A.R.U. prefix list) or the number of W and VE licensing areas with which successful exchanges have been made.

(3) Operation in *different frequency bands* is credited by the fact that the number of countries or areas for multiplier shall consist of those worked in band one, plus those worked in band two, plus those worked in band three, etc.

(4) *A total time of operation* period—90 hours at any time in the nine-day contest period with no penalty. (A contestant can work as many additional hours as he pleases in the nine days, but scores are reduced in proportion to the *excess* hours for all time over 90 hours.)

(5) For W/VE's a "quota system" makes the maximum number of stations that can be worked in any one country *three* (for each band). There is no limit for others than W/VE.

See February *QST* for rules and announcement in full detail, with which various suggestions to assist in successful and pleasurable DX operation have been incorporated. Mark your calendar now and plan to take part with amateur operators everywhere in . . . The Eighth International DX Competition.

# Operating Noise-Silencing Units

## Practical Hints for the Best Silencing Results

By George Grammer\*

WHILE the ideal way of incorporating the noise-silencing circuit described in February *QST*<sup>1</sup> in a receiver is to make it an integral part of the set, naturally enough most amateurs have shown great interest in the separate-unit idea because it can be applied to existing superhet receivers, many of which do not have the extra chassis room necessary for the installation of two additional tubes and a diode transformer. Experience of the past few weeks, both here and on the part of amateurs in the field, has shown that certain special problems are likely to be encountered in getting such units to work properly, these depending principally upon the particular receiver used and the method of making connections between receiver and noise-silencing unit.

Probably the most prevalent complaint is that of loss of receiver gain when one of the i.f. tubes in the receiver is replaced. This, of course, has nothing to do with the silencing circuit; it is simply a matter of successfully substituting the 6L7 for the existing i.f. tube. Since the 6L7 is capable of giving about the same gain in i.f. circuits as any of the tubes normally used for that purpose, the logical deduction is that there is something wrong with the method of connection if the receiver gain is greatly reduced.

One point which was immediately discovered by several workers is that ordinary rubber-covered shielded wire is entirely unsatisfactory for

making the r.f. connections between the i.f. input and output circuits and the 6L7. Not only does such wire have quite high capacity, even in short lengths, but the losses in the rubber insulation employed also appear to be unduly high. The latter will cause a reduction in signal strength; the former may make retuning the i.f. circuits of the affected stage impossible. The material to use is the type of shielded cable measuring about a half-inch in diameter, having a small rubber insulated wire at the center, the intervening space being filled with cord. This has considerably lower losses and much less capacity than the ordinary shielded wire.

At that, it will pay to be very sparing in the use of even the large cable. The shorter the r.f. connecting leads the better. This is particularly important not only from the loss standpoint but also because the leeway in i.f. transformer adjustment varies considerably with some receivers. It *must* be possible to retune the i.f. circuits to resonance if the amplifier is to work. If it happens that in the particular receiver used the i.f. trimmers are normally working near minimum capacity, even a short length of shielded lead may add enough to the circuit to make exact retuning impossible. With air condensers having stops, this condition will be evident if the end of the condenser scale is reached before the resonance peak is passed through. With condensers which do not have stops, however, an apparent peak—which may be quite far from actual resonance—may be obtained at the minimum capacity setting. This will

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<sup>1</sup> Lamb, "A Noise-Silencing I.F. Circuit for Superhet Receivers," *QST*, February, 1936.

### Noise About Noise

*At last we know just how to crash the newspapers and news magazines of the country. All you need is to develop a successful noise silencer for radio receivers and write a quiet, conservative QST article about it. Of course it takes a few years of persistent laboratory work and original thinking to make the silencer a possibility, but from then on, no effort is necessary.*

*The publicity given us by the press at large is, of course, deeply appreciated. We are human enough to enjoy seeing a fellow like Jim Lamb get the credit that is due him. We get somewhat griped, though, at the way in which a certain fringe of the papers and magazines cleanly violate all the ethics of the game—not to speak of the copyright law—in crude attempts to turn some of the credit in their own direction. Already the development presented by QST is being adopted by new and strange parents. Before long there will surely be a host of "Smith Noise Eliminators," "Brown Static Quenchers" and the like bursting into print. It is obviously futile to hope that this most recent QST development will fail to butter the bread of the same aspiring radio re-inventors who have done so well by us in the past.*

*April QST will contain a further wad of authentic dope on the new development with particular emphasis on the many variations necessary for completely effective silencer action under the different conditions found in different receivers.—EDITOR.*

result in reduced gain and decreased selectivity. It all boils down to the fact that the r.f. leads should be as short as the layout of the receiver will permit.

Since capacity to ground is of little consequence in the cathode lead, ordinary shielded wire may be used for this connection.

A second point to be watched is that of the tuning range of the diode transformer used. It is essential, of course, that its frequency be adjustable

net in close proximity to the socket of the i.f. tube to be replaced. The necessary r.f. and d.c. leads can then be run through appropriate holes drilled in the receiver cabinet, making short connections. An even more desirable method is to substitute a metal tube socket for the one in the set and install the 6L7 right in the receiver. The plug-in type unit shown in last month's *QST* generally will require a greater r.f. lead length and may result in some reduction in receiver gain, even though the silencing action is entirely satisfactory. This can be tolerated if the receiver has more than enough gain in the first place, but at best represents a makeshift method of doing the job.

#### A FEW NOTES ON OPERATION

A résumé of the tuning of the silencer unit should be of some benefit. With the unit wired in place, the first step is that of readjusting the i.f. circuits affected by the tube substitution; these are two only: the grid trimmer of the input transformer and the plate trimmer of the output transformer. The adjustment may be made on a steady incoming signal using the set's tuning meter, if there is one, as an indicator. In the absence of any measuring device the adjustment can be made on set noise or on a steady modulated signal, preferably with the beat oscillator off. This first lining up may be done with the grid cap disconnected from the noise amplifier, whose grid is in parallel with that of the 6L7. Familiarity with the receiver will show whether or not the gain is adversely affected by the substitution of the 6L7 for the regular i.f. tube. If there is a marked reduction in gain one of the reasons previously cited probably will be the cause and steps should be taken to overcome the defect.

Assuming that the gain is found to be satisfactory, the grid cap may be replaced on the noise amplifier tube and the grid circuit i.f. trimmer once more readjusted to compensate for the extra capacity added to the circuit when the noise amplifier is cut in. The threshold control,  $R_{24}$  in Fig. 1,<sup>1</sup> should be in the "off" position (all resistance in circuit). When the grid trimmer is readjusted the gain should be the same as before. It will not be necessary to touch the plate trimmer.

The next step is to turn the noise control down slowly from maximum resistance until a point is reached where there is a sudden reduction in background. At this setting the bias on the noise amplifier and rectifier has been reduced to the point where these two tubes start to work, with the result that negative bias is being applied to the No. 3 grid of the 6L7, reducing its gain. With the control set just on the edge of this condition, tune in a weak signal and adjust the trimmer on the diode transformer to resonance, indicated by a reduction in signal strength. Signals of average strength should cut themselves off completely when the diode transformer is adjusted properly. Moving

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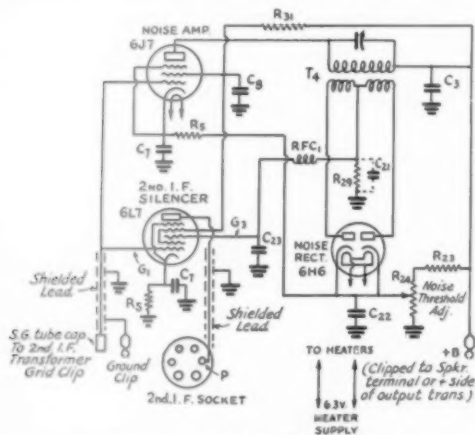


FIG. 1—ALTERNATIVE CIRCUIT OF THE SILENCER SECTION FOR RECEIVERS HAVING TWO I.F. STAGES

The silencer tube has a fixed cathode resistor in this instance. The grid and plate connecting leads to the receiver should be of the low-capacitance low-loss type, as described in the text. Typical component values are as follows:

- $C_3$ —0.01- to 0.1- $\mu$ fd. plate by-pass condensers, 400-volt tubular.
- $C_7$ —0.1- $\mu$ fd. cathode by-pass condensers, 200-volt tubular.
- $C_8$ —0.01- to 0.1- $\mu$ fd. screen by-pass condensers, 400-volt tubular.
- $C_{21}$ —0- to 250- $\mu$ fd. noise rectifier load by-pass (use minimum value permissible for r.f. filtering).
- $C_{22}$ —0.1- $\mu$ fd. threshold resistor by-pass, 200-volt tubular.
- $C_{23}$ —50- $\mu$ fd. silencer grid by-pass, mica midget.
- $R_5$ —350- to 1000-ohm cathode resistors,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -watt.
- $R_{23}$ —20,000- to 50,000-ohm threshold bleeder resistor, 1-watt.
- $R_{24}$ —5000-ohm threshold control resistor, volume-control type.
- $R_{25}$ —100,000-ohm noise rectifier load resistor,  $\frac{1}{2}$  watt.
- $R_{31}$ —50,000-ohm screen voltage dropping resistor (see Feb. *QST*).
- $RFC_1$ —20-millihenry r.f. choke.
- $T_4$ —Single air-tuned full-wave diode coupling transformer (Sickles, National, Tobe, etc.).

to that of the intermediate frequency used in the receiver. Nearly all diode transformers can be adjusted to 456 kc., the i.f. almost universally used in the newer receivers, but it may not be possible to tune some of them to the 500-kc. i.f.'s used in some of the older amateur-band receivers. If there is no definite sign of resonance in the tuning of this transformer it will not be possible to get the most out of the silencing unit.

The most satisfactory way of constructing a noise-silencing unit is to build it on a small metal chassis which can be bolted to the receiver cabi-



# A Low-Cost Crystal Transmitter

Complete Details of a Simple Outfit Using Receiving Tubes

By Vernon Chambers,\* WIJEQ

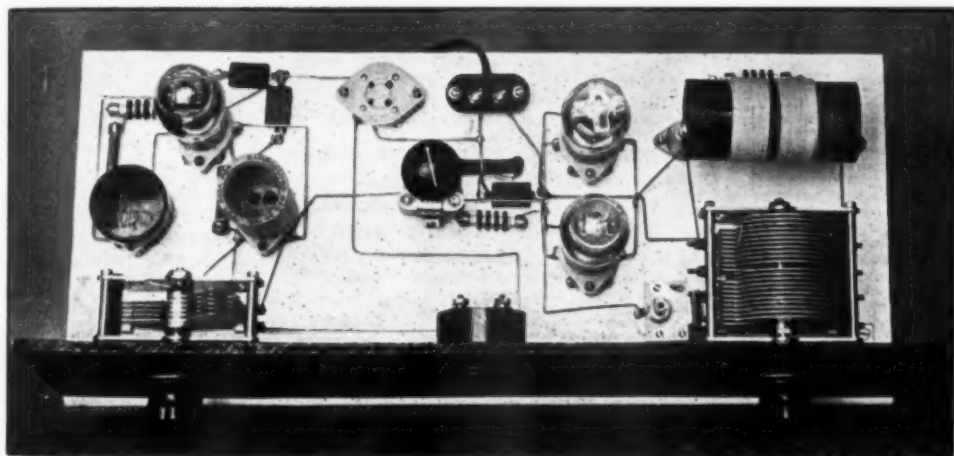
THIS relatively simple transmitter certainly delivers the goods and is capable of operation on four bands. RST 449 sigs were banged over into England during the R.S.G.B. 80-meter tests. Receiving tubes are used in the interest of low cost but at that, a good ten watts of output are available. Although designed to operate with a separate crystal for each band, doubling can be accomplished with some reduction in power. A separate crystal for each band, down to 40 meters (then doubling for 20 meters) eliminates the usual expensive and complicated doublers.

This is the type of unit which will serve admirably as the basis for progress into the realm of high power.

condensers, respectively. High voltage is applied to the ground end of the tank circuit  $L_1, C_1$ . In all cases the negative high-voltage lead is considered as "ground." The plate goes to the ungrounded end of circuit  $L_1, C_1$ , and the stator plates of  $C_4$ .

## THE AMPLIFIER

The grids of the two amplifier tubes are capacity-coupled to the oscillator by condenser  $C_4$ . All terminals on the two amplifier sockets are connected in parallel. Resistor  $R_2$  and  $RFC_2$  serve the same purpose as  $R_1$  and  $RFC_1$  in the oscillator. The tube plates are tied to one end of the tank circuit  $C_2, L_2$ . The other end of the circuit is connected to the grids through the neutralizing condenser  $C_3$ . The rotary plates of  $C_2$  are grounded



A PLAN VIEW OF THE SIMPLE TRANSMITTER

The crystal oscillator group is at the extreme left. The tube, crystal, coil and tuning condenser can be identified readily. Along the rear edge of the base is the four-pin cable socket and the two terminals for the key. Remaining items of importance are the coupling condenser (fitted with a knob) very near the center of the base and the neutralizing condenser sitting alongside the amplifier tuning condenser.

## THE OSCILLATOR CIRCUIT

Fig. 1 shows us two familiar circuits, the pentode crystal oscillator and an amplifier with two tubes in parallel. Both circuits use 2A5's. In the oscillator we find the crystal hooked between grid and cathode. Resistor  $R_1$  furnishes grid bias and  $RFC_1$  prevents the flow of r.f. current through the leak. The high-voltage is dropped to a value suitable for the screen grid through resistor  $R_3$ . Condensers  $C_5$  and  $C_6$  are screen and plate by-pass

Positive high voltage is applied to the tank coil center tap through  $RFC_3$ . Link coupling is used between  $L_2$  and the antenna tuning unit.

## CONSTRUCTIONAL DETAILS

A front view of the transmitter shows the oscillator at the left side, the amplifier at the right. In the oscillator unit, a five-prong socket serves as a crystal mount. Centered about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches to the right is a four-prong socket for the oscillator coil. Slightly to the rear of these two sockets is the six prong 2A5 socket. Condensers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , together

\* QST Laboratory Assistant.



with the plate current meter, are mounted on the panel.

Eight inches in from the right end of the board and centered between the front and back, the two amplifier tube sockets are mounted. The amplifier tank coil is located behind condenser  $C_3$ . This coil is set up on two Johnson 20J stand-off insulators equipped with G.R. jacks. A small piece of brass is drilled to fit the stator terminals of one section of  $C_3$ , and to this the Cardwell Trim-Air neutralizing condenser is fastened.

Centered between these two circuits, and in the

eight-wire cable. The filament voltage drop was excessive in the ordinary four-wire cable, hence the suggestion of an eight-wire cable. Two wires can be used for high-voltage leads, the remaining six being divided into two groups of three each, thus giving three parallel wires for each filament lead. One side of the key terminal strip is connected to negative plate voltage and the other to the amplifier cathode. The two amplifier tube sockets are tied in parallel, the corresponding connections of each socket connected together. When making grid, plate and cathode connections, try

to do so at points midway between the sockets. The ground connection to the rotary plates of  $C_2$  should be as short as possible.

#### COILS

The most efficient way of operating the transmitter is with a separate oscillator and amplifier coil and a separate crystal for each band. In this way, maximum output can be had. If amplifier doubling is desired, the crystal circuit is adjusted and equipped to operate on one band and a coil for the next lower band is placed in the amplifier. The rig then is put through the usual tuning procedure and the output will be on the second harmonic of the oscillator and, of course, one band higher in frequency. Doubling can also be had

with the crystal and both coils designed for one band, by decreasing the amplifier tank capacity until the second harmonic is reached. In any case, doubling will show quite a decrease in output, and with crystals as inexpensive as they are, the business of doubling in a transmitter of this type is hardly justified.

The oscillator coils for 160, 80 and 40 meters are wound on Hammarlund four-prong coil forms. These forms have a diameter of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches and a winding length of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches. All coils are of 18 d.c.c. wire. The number of turns for the three oscillator coils are as follows: 160 meters, 43 turns close wound; 80 meters, 22 turns; and 40 meters, 14 turns. The windings of the 80- and 40-meter coils are spaced the diameter of the wire. There is no 20-meter coil for the oscillator, as 20 meters is reached by doubling in the amplifier.

All amplifier coils are wound on  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -inch pieces of 2-inch diameter bakelite tubing. These coils are mounted on stand-off insulators as previously explained. A soldering lug under each jack serves as a wire connecting point. A third plug in the exact

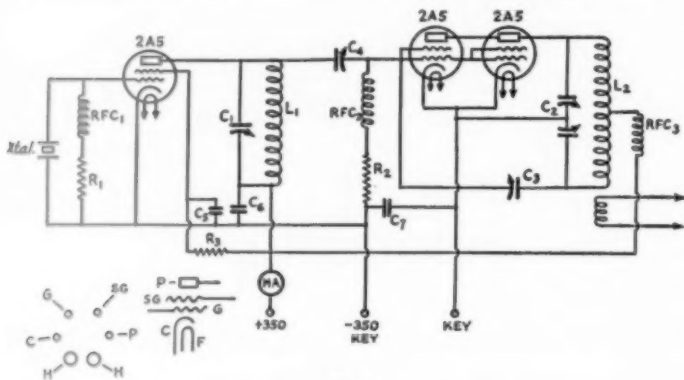


FIG. 1

- $C_1$ —250- $\mu$ fd. (Cardwell XR-250-PS).
- $C_2$ —500- $\mu$ fd. split-stator (Cardwell XR-500-PD).
- $C_3$ —25- $\mu$ fd. variable Trimair (Cardwell ZR-25-AS).
- $C_4$ —75- $\mu$ fd. variable midge (Hammarlund MC-75M).
- $C_5$ , 6, 7—0.005-mica (Cornell Dubilier).
- $R_1$ —7500-ohm 1-watt (IRC).
- $R_2$ —1250-ohm 10-watt (IRC).
- $R_3$ —50,000-ohm 2-watt (IRC).
- 3—Six-prong sockets (National).
- 1—Five-prong sockets (National).
- 2—Four-prong sockets (National).
- 1—3-screw input strip.
- 2—Standoff insulators (Johnson 20J) with jacks.
- 3—Four-prong coil forms (Hammarlund SWF-4).
- 14 inches 2" bakelite tubing.
- 1—Four-prong cable plug.
- 6 feet 8-wire cable.
- 1—0-200-ma. meter.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. No. 18 d.c.c. wire.
- 1 roll No. 14 tin wire.
- 1—battery clip (Mueller type 45).
- 12—G.R. plugs.

middle of the board, the coupling condenser  $C_3$  is mounted in an upright position with the aid of a small angle bracket. Behind  $C_3$ , is a four-prong socket serving as a terminal for plate and filament leads. To the right of this socket is a small two-screw input strip for the key terminals.

The baseboard measures 9 by 21 inches. It was given a couple of coats of duco white enamel for appearance's sake only. The panel is a  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by 21-inch piece of crackle-finished pressed-wood (tempered Masonite).

#### WIRING

Although most of the wiring can be seen in the picture, perhaps a few suggestions will be helpful. When wiring the tank circuits try to make all connections short and direct. The only wires beneath the base are those hooking the tube filaments in parallel and transferring positive high voltage from the oscillator tank circuit to the amplifier tank coil center-tap. Power leads are brought to the socket mounted for that purpose through an

center of the coil provides the center tap at which high voltage is connected.

A handy way to wind the amplifier coils is to start at the center tap and wind out. All coils require the same winding space. The windings are spaced  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch apart at the center to clear the G.R. plug located there.

These coils have the following turns: 160 meters, 36; 80 meters, 20; 40 meters, 10; 20 meters, 6. These windings are, of course, all center-tapped. The 160-meter coil turns are wound without spacing. Turns on the other coils are spaced to occupy the same length as that of the 160-meter coil.

#### TUNING AND ADJUSTMENT

Crystal oscillation is the first thing to obtain. With  $C_2$  at a low capacity setting and high voltage off the final, the oscillator is tuned to resonance (plate current dip or glow in neon bulb held against the plate lead). If the neon bulb is used, its brightest glow indicates when the crystal is functioning the most efficiently. Five mils or so above minimum is probably the best setting for plate current, if the meter only is used for adjustment.

Neutralizing comes next. This is accomplished by holding the neon bulb against the oscillator plate lead and tuning the amplifier to resonance. If during this procedure the neon bulb should flicker, the final is not neutralized.  $C_4$  is then

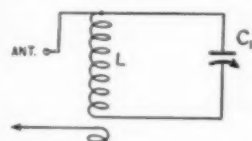


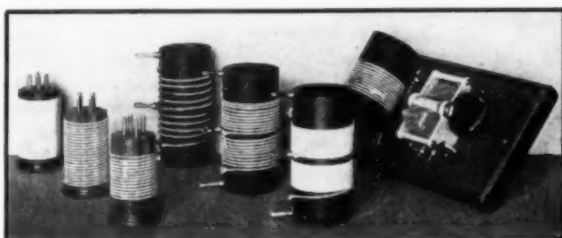
FIG. 2  
 $C_1$ —150- $\mu$ fd. (Cardwell MR-150-BS).  
 $L$ —See text.

tuned in slow stages until the amplifier can be tuned through resonance without the flicker. High voltage is disconnected from the tank during these adjustments.

Now that we are ready to apply the oscillator excitation to the amplifier grids, it is a good idea to fix up a gadget to help us estimate the amount of output that can be obtained from the rig. A ten-watt light bulb connected to five or six turns of insulated No. 20 or so wire makes such a gadget.

With no load on the final (and the key closed) it is tuned to resonance. If a load is now coupled on (light bulb, neon bulb or antenna) the plate current will increase appreciably. If either of the two bulbs constitute the load, maximum glow indicates maximum output. The brightest glow with the least plate current is the proper adjustment. Increasing the capacity of  $C_3$ , at this time, may result in an increase of output. This increased capacity may stop crystal oscillation, however. Should this happen, the amplifier need not be touched again; it is only necessary to reset  $C_3$  and possibly retune the crystal slightly.

If at 160 meters trouble is encountered in making the oscillator work, this is because in pentode circuits the only method of feedback is through the rather small grid-plate capacity of the tube. This feedback occasionally is not great enough to



COILS FOR THE LOW-COST TRANSMITTER AND THE ANTENNA TUNING UNIT

At the left are the three coils for the crystal oscillator (160, 80 and 40 meters). The three amplifier coils are in the middle, that at the rear serving for both 40 and 20 meters. Coil data are given in the text.

permit crystal oscillation. This trouble, if run across, can be eliminated by soldering a piece of insulated wire to the tube plate and bending it around to a position near the grid. Usually clipping it under one of the grid wires does the trick. A little experimenting with its nearness to the grid will decide a correct point.

#### ANTENNA TUNER

Fig. 2 shows the antenna tuning unit. This tuner has been used with a voltage-fed antenna, cut to a half wave for 3.5 mc. The antenna in this case is 132 feet long. Other types of antennas and tuners can be used, of course. Reference to the Antenna Chapter of the A.R.R.L. Handbook will show any number of schemes adaptable to the rig. Care should be taken to cut a half-wave antenna for your lowest frequency  $\left( \frac{468,000}{\text{Freq. (kc)}} \right)$ . Ans. in feet.

The mount board for the tuner is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 inches. Holes are drilled for two G.R. jacks spaced 3 inches between centers. The condenser is mounted on two small angle brackets. A Fahnestock clip at the coil end serves as an antenna terminal.

The coil is in parallel with the condenser. A wire is connected from the Fahnestock clip to one G.R. jack and then to the condensers stator plates. The rotary plates go to the other G.R. jack.

Tuner coils are wound on  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch long by 2-inch diameter pieces of bakelite tube. No. 18 d.c.c. wire is used for all coils. G.R. plugs, 3 inches between centers, serve as winding terminals and in turn plug in the jacks on the baseboard. The number of turns are as follows: 160 meters, 58 (close-wound); 80 meters, 21 (spaced diameter of wire); 40 meters, 12 (s.d.w.); 20 meters, 5 (s.d.w.).

Five or six turns of insulated wire (ordinary "push-back" wire is suitable) wound around this tuner coil and likewise around the amplifier coil,

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# Results—3500-Kc. Transoceanic Tests

THE 3500-kc. transoceanic tests held by the R.S.G.B. during December, with the co-operation of European societies and A.R.R.L., were reasonably successful with a good number of contacts being established, and scores of calls heard. The one regrettable feature was the seeming disregard of, or carelessness in not observing, the "Silent Periods" by many amateurs on this side of the "pond." By sending "Test RSGB," "CQ DX," etc., during periods specifically set aside for listening, these amateurs through their thoughtless transmissions not only spoiled many an operator's chances of pulling through a DX signal, but also wasted their own

Mr. H. J. Powditch, G5VL, under whose guidance the tests were arranged, writes as follows:

"Outstanding was the work of G2ZQ (C.W.). With 120 watts he averaged a contact every five or six minutes while on the air. Among the low-power fellows, G2DQ got across to VE1EI on 'phone with an input of just 7½ watts! G5KG with 10 watts had some 18 contacts, 9 on 'phone. I think the tests have demonstrated:

"(1) That 80 meters is exceedingly good for trans-Atlantic working, powers of 50 watts being quite reliable. Several stations here comment that reports received are higher QRK than on higher frequencies.

"(2) That, even on low powers, contacts are quite possible.

"(3) That, given schedule working and known frequencies, regular working is quite possible.

"(4) That American and Canadian stations, on their present powers, are receivable almost any night here. The general opinion is that your stations do not expect calls from Europe and do not appreciate their strength and consistency here.

"(5) That more schedule working is called for."

G2ZQ made a total of 49 contacts during both periods of the tests.

G6PF with a power of 48 watts made 40 contacts, and PA0ASD 36. G5VL, using 'phone, made 18 QSO's. G6LL, 'phone, made 8 contacts.

In the lists of stations logged asterisks are used to indicate the number of different stations reporting reception, as follows:

No asterisk..... Reported by 1 station only.  
\*..... Reported by 2 or 3 stations.  
\*\*..... Reported by 4 or 5 stations.  
\*\*\*..... Reported by 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10.  
\*\*\*\*..... Reported by 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15

'Phone stations are indicated by an (f) after their calls. In the "Stations Worked" lists a figure in parenthesis after a call indicates the number of contacts made with that station during the period in question. The various lists follow. We hope your call is among them!

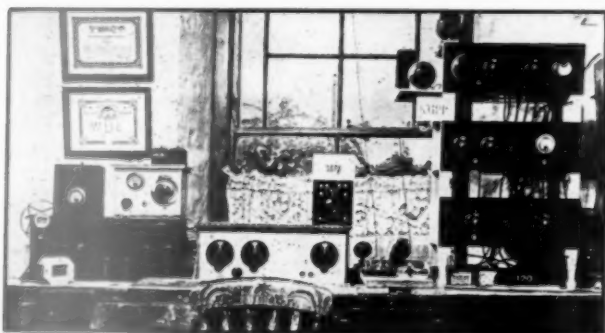
—E. L. B.

## LOGGED IN NETHERLANDS

(Includes both Periods)

WIADM(f) ADR\* AKR AMP\* APK AQW AVJ BDI  
BES(f) BFI BFT BJP BKL\* CAB CDX CJP COX CPM  
CTG CTZ DES DHE DIA DLD DQ\* DZT EER\* EF  
EXR EZ\* FTY FVK FXQ GC GKJ GOJ GQB GTS GUY  
GVH\* HJI HNP\* HNU HRS HWZ HZ IBR IDX IEO

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G6PF, ONE OF MOST CONSISTENT EUROPEANS, USED LESS THAN 50 WATTS

time and power by sending when no DX operators were listening for them!

In spite of the lack of coöperation of so many careless fellows, however, some good DX was pulled through and we are able to present a good-sized list of "calls logged." The lists of stations logged and worked will speak for themselves. Outstanding among the United States C.W. operators was W1SZ, who made 9 contacts with 8 different stations during the First Period (Dec. 15th-18th, 2345-0020 GMT each night), and 28 contacts with 15 different stations during the Second Period (Dec. 19-22, 0500-0800 GMT each night). W1SZ worked stations in Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, Norway and Netherlands. W8FIP worked 11 different stations. W1BKL, W1ME and W1TS each worked 9 different stations.

The outstandingly successful 'phone operator among the W/VE group was VE1EI, who made 14 contacts with 5 different British stations: G2DQ, G2IN, G5KG, G5VL and G6LL. A good number of 'phone stations were logged in Great Britain, the number being especially high since numerous British Receiving Stations were active in the tests.

# Transmitter Band-Switching Systems

## A Survey of Practical Circuit Arrangements

By George Grammer, Assistant Technical Editor

**F**UNDAMENTAL to a discussion of transmitter band-switching is an appreciation of the end to be achieved by its use. Just what sort of picture is conjured up in the mind of the amateur who thinks about band-switching? A single knob affair, so rapid in operation that if one should hear a CQ on some band other than that to which the transmitter is tuned a flip of the wrist would put the set there in time to pound out an answer? Or is it something which merely changes the inductances in the various stages so that the circuits are capable of being tuned for output on the band desired? There's a vast difference between the two, and the solution of the first is much the simpler—all it requires is separate transmitters and separate antennas for each band. Naturally it's expensive, especially when any power is involved.

However, we rather believe that most amateurs think of band-switching as something applied to one transmitter. In that case the one-knob business, while not beyond attainment, is certainly not simple of solution nor is it likely to be inexpensive. The transmitter switching problem is not readily comparable to that in receivers. Not only is there an infinite variety of transmitting circuits, as compared to the quite standardized receiver input arrangement, but the greater physical size of the transmitter, the necessity for more accurate tuning because of the power handled, the required provision for antenna coupling, and the large number of antenna systems in use, each with its different tuning requirements, all introduce complications which simply are not considered in receiver switching design.

If in an attempt to duplicate the easy switching which characterizes commercial receivers the same technique is adopted, it would be found that except for tube cost, the total cost would be almost the same as for individual transmitters for each band. Receiver switching as commonly practiced involves the use of separate coil sets for each band, individually adjusted by trimmer condensers. The corresponding transmitter set-up would require not only separate coils, but the separate trimmers would have to be regular transmitting "trimmers." Nevertheless this principle can be applied with some benefit, although its application is necessarily limited if the cost is to be kept down. With pre-tuned separate circuits, however, the ideal of one-flip band-change can very nearly be realized.

Because so few amateur transmitters are exactly alike it is difficult to discuss band-switching except in terms of a single stage. We propose here to look over the various methods of stage switching which have been described from time to time, necessarily leaving complete transmitter design to the individual concerned.

### SWITCHING TANKS

One of the first systems that comes to mind is that of switching complete tank circuits, already mentioned. A representative arrangement is shown in Fig. 1, coupling between two stages being indicated. Parallel feed is shown for both plate of driver and grid of amplifier, although series feed readily could be used on either one

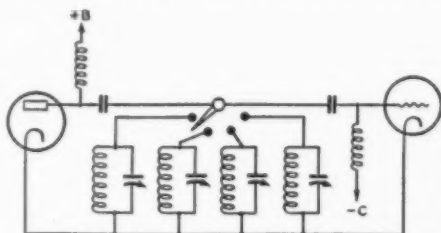


FIG. 1—ONE METHOD OF BAND-CHANGING—TANK SWITCHING

*This system offers about the maximum of speed and convenience, but is relatively expensive since separate tank circuits are required for each band to be covered.*

simply by joining the lower ends of the various tank circuits together and inserting a by-pass condenser between the junction and ground.

This system is not wholly impractical from the expense standpoint when applied to a low-power stage, since midjet condensers are relatively inexpensive and coils are easy to make. The switch should have good insulation and fairly low capacity between contacts to avoid stray excitation of unused tanks and possible resultant power loss. The coils should be arranged for minimum coupling; shielding is not necessary, although desirable. Shielded tanks of the type built up by W9DRD<sup>1</sup> are excellent for low-power stages handling up to 20 watts or so; special units for the purpose are now commercially available.

If the switching is to be kept simple, it is necessary that the amplifier tube be of a type

<sup>1</sup> Hollister, "A Four-Band Exciter," QST, July, 1935.



which can be driven directly from the plate end of the tank circuit and not require tapping down on the coil for maximum power transfer. If tapping is required, it will be necessary to gang two switches so that the proper tap is selected along with the desired tank circuit. Alternatively, if the tube combination is not suitable for straight-through coupling the load on the driver stage can be adjusted through the use of a suitably small grid coupling condenser. This generally entails some sacrifice of excitation power, however.

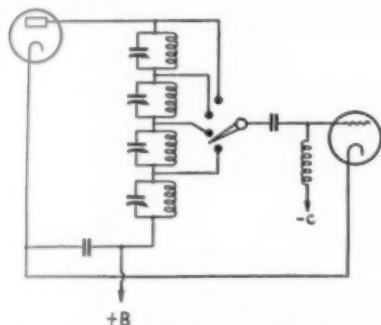


FIG. 2—SERIES TANK CIRCUITS FOR BAND-SWITCHING

In some cases this simplifies the switching problem introduced when separate tanks are used, as discussed in the text.

It is hardly necessary to provide for shorting out the unused tanks, since the operating conditions are not comparable to those in receivers, where extra coils often must be shorted to avoid dead spots. Such shorting would require a special switch and introduce the very complications which we want to avoid. The simpler the r.f. circuit, the better.

#### TANKS IN SERIES

Another method of switching separate tanks, proposed by W6ZH,<sup>2</sup> is shown in Fig. 2. In this case four separate tanks, one for each band, are in series, excitation being picked off at the desired frequency by the four-point switch. Providing suitable  $L$ - $C$  ratios are used, the tanks resonating on bands other than that in use will offer negligible impedance at the operating frequency. In effect, then, only the desired tank is in circuit. The one precaution to be observed is that the  $L$ - $C$  ratio should not be too high; if each tank consists of mostly coil and little condenser the impedance on other bands may be great enough to affect the operation of the circuit. The optimum  $L$ - $C$  ratios as given by Robinson<sup>3</sup> should be satisfactory.

When the driver tube is used as a doubler, the

<sup>2</sup> Millen, "A Quick-Switch 'Phone Transmitter for Two-Band Operation," *QST*, November, 1935.

<sup>3</sup> Robinson, "The Operation of R. F. Power Amplifiers," Part II, *QST*, April, 1934.

fact that a tank circuit tuned to the fundamental frequency is present should improve the efficiency without lowering the output on the second harmonic. Obviously the tube must either be neutralized or of the screen-grid type to prevent self-oscillation.

This type of switching offers an advantage over the arrangement of Fig. 1 in that a second switch is not necessary should it be desirable to take the excitation from taps on the coils instead of across each circuit as a whole. It should be readily apparent that all four of the taps could be on the coils just as well as between the tank circuits, as shown in the diagram.

#### TAPPED COILS

The separate tank method is, as we have already pointed out, relatively expensive and bulky except for low-power stages. For stages handling more than a few watts, it would seem to be more practical to use a tapped inductance, keeping the same tuning condenser for all bands.

A question which arises immediately in consideration of tapped coils is that of efficiency—or rather the extent of such losses as may be introduced by using only part of a large inductance, since the unused section is usually intimately coupled to the active section. Long ago it was found that "dead-end" effects were greatly lessened when the unused section of the coil was short-circuited instead of simply being allowed to float. Shorting, rather than tapping, is therefore the method of switching commonly employed. Typical circuits are given in Fig. 3. Splitting the inductance into two parts with coupling between the two sections minimized, as indicated in the lower diagram, will be of some help in reducing losses, especially when four or more bands are to be covered. If the range to be covered is from 3.5 to 28 mc., for instance, one coil would take care of the 14 and 28 mc. bands and the other the 7- and 3.5-mc. bands, allowance being made for the fact that the smaller of the two coils is always in the circuit on these two lower-frequency bands.

There are two points to observe in shorting coils. The switch contact resistance and resistance of tap connections must be as low as possible. Considerable power loss will result if these resistances are not low, since the r.f. current flowing in the shorted section may be quite large. In stages handling several hundred watts, the current-carrying capacity of the switch becomes an important factor, not only because of this "idle" current but also because the regular tank current flows through the switch as well. Since the magnitude of both currents depends greatly on the loading of the circuit, being much less when power is being delivered to an external load, it is highly advisable to make all adjustments with the amplifier loaded, if possible. If it is necessary to operate the amplifier without load,



the plate voltage should be reduced to lessen the danger of burning out the switch. Switches now on the market will do a satisfactory job of shorting in kilowatt transmitters so long as the amplifier is loaded, but a few minutes operation at full plate voltage without load may spell the end of the shorting switch. This, despite the fact that the switch made by at least one manufacturer is capable of carrying around 75 amperes without damage!

The second point, established by some measurements made recently in the QST laboratory, is that shorting should always be from the low-potential or "cold" end of the tank, especially when three or more bands are to be covered. No observable loss is introduced so long as this rule is followed, even when a single coil is made to serve for four bands. If the shorting is from the "hot" end of the tank, the losses are negligible when two adjacent bands are to be covered, but are apparent, although not unduly high, when the third band is attempted. Covering four bands with one coil appears to be completely impracticable if shorting is done from the high-potential end of the coil.

A good check of the efficiency of a shorting system can be obtained after a few minutes continuous operation of the amplifier. If any heat at all shows up in the tank, the active turns should be warmer than the shorted turns. Reversal of this condition indicates loss in the shorted section, in most cases traceable to relatively high resistance in the shorting mechanism.

On large coils where most of the turns are shorted for high-frequency operation (for instance, a 160-meter coil operated at 20 meters) it is not unusual for a potential gradient to develop along the shorted section. A neon bulb slid along the coil will readily show such a condition. Additional shorting at several points along a long coil would seem to be indicated in such a case. However, we were unable to measure any difference in losses whether the coil was shorted in several spots or simply as a whole; losses were negligible in either case so long as the shorting was done from the cold end.

#### SWITCHING BALANCED CIRCUITS

When balanced circuits—push-pull, or balanced circuits used for neutralized amplifiers—are switched, the same principles apply. Since the center of a balanced coil is the low-potential part, it is desirable to short outward from the center, as shown in Fig. 4. If more than two bands

are to be covered, this means that two switches must be used; they may be ganged, of course. Two switches are likewise required if shorting is done from the high-potential ends inward, although as already pointed out this method preferably should not be used for covering more than

two bands. In this case it is necessary that the switch arms be well insulated from each other and from ground, since the full tank voltage appears across the switches.

If circuit balance is to be maintained from one band to the next, it is necessary that the switching system be symmetrical. Care should be taken in mounting switches so that both will have the same capacity to ground, especially when the amplifier is mounted on metal.

#### OUTPUT COUPLING

So far the discussion has been confined to circuits considered simply by themselves, or simply coupled by the usual capacity method to a following stage. When it is necessary to couple out of the circuit by any other

means the problem starts to become complicated, from both electrical and mechanical standpoints.

It is difficult, for instance, to use a single link for link-coupling to a following stage or to an antenna-tuning unit. A link which gives the proper coupling on one band is fairly certain to give too much or too little coupling on others. Too, it is necessary to put the link at the hot end of the coil if shorting is from the other end. Coupling to the cold end is desirable for reasons which have been discussed many times before in these pages; however, with coil shorting there is no choice in the matter because it is practically impossible to couple a link to shorted turns. Assuming a satisfactory solution of the number of link turns for various bands can be worked out, an additional switch is likely to be needed, in turn requiring more space and introducing mechanical problems, especially if the switches are to be ganged.

If the coupling is to be direct, through a tap on the tank coil, the situation is about the same as with link coupling—an additional switch, with an extra set of taps, is required. Taking the relatively simple case of a screen-grid output amplifier working into a pi-section antenna filter, this means that on top of a switching arrangement similar to that in Fig. 3 an additional switch with four extra coil taps will have to be installed—a total of two switches and seven taps to cover four bands. This arrangement was used for three

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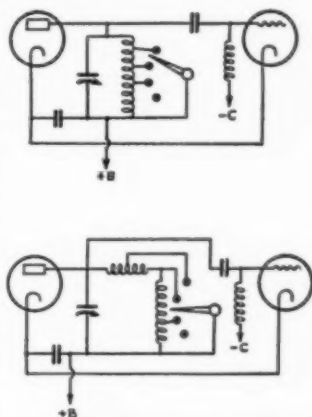


FIG. 3—SUGGESTED COIL-SHORTING ARRANGEMENTS  
The lower diagram sectionalizes the inductance to reduce losses when several bands are to be covered.

# An Improved Speech Preamplifier

## Details of a Flexible, High-Fidelity Unit

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THIS article describes an improved preamplifier circuit in which the cost of construction has been reduced by the use of a resistance network used to connect the double button carbon microphone to the amplifier circuit thus eliminating the input transformer, and also shows a plate circuit having two tuned networks designed to increase the amplification at the high and the low frequencies. This type of amplifier may be used to compensate for the deficiency of the dynamic speaker at the high and low frequencies, as in public address systems, or it may be used to compensate for the falling off of the

noticeable hum was eliminated and the frequency response of the amplifier was improved. With this input arrangement it may be necessary to use more than six volts of microphone battery to obtain normal microphone current, depending upon the type of double-button microphone used.

Briefly, from Fig. 1, the theory of the input circuit is as follows: As the diaphragm swings in direction A by the action of a sound wave the carbon granules are compressed on this side causing a decrease in resistance and an increase in current in side A, the current in side B decreasing at the same instant by a decrease in the pressure on

the granules on this side. If the microphone is balanced, the current in side A will equal the current in side B. The voltage at any instant impressed on the grid of the first amplifier tube will be the IR drop across R1 equaling the voltage across R2, R3 and R4. If the microphone is not balanced, the wave form will be distorted by unequal voltage drops across R3 and R4. This input circuit has less gain than one with an input

transformer. If necessary this may be remedied by adding one more stage of resistance-coupled amplification to the succeeding circuit usually used with the preamplifier. This additional stage will be found cheaper than a high-grade input transformer, will have less loss at high and low frequencies, will take up less space than a high-grade input transformer which is necessarily large, and the additional stage is lighter and does not increase the hum level to any noticeable extent.

There has been some controversy regarding the advisability of increasing the amplitude of the higher audio frequencies on radiotelephone transmitters due to side band interference, but it is now generally conceded that when the station is used for voice only the amplitude of the higher frequencies of the voice is so small that no interference is noticeable. It is these higher frequencies or harmonics that make the speaker sound natural.

The plate circuit described here is composed of two tuned circuits resonant at 60 and 14,000 cycles. At the resonant frequency the impedance of the plate circuit is increased and consequently

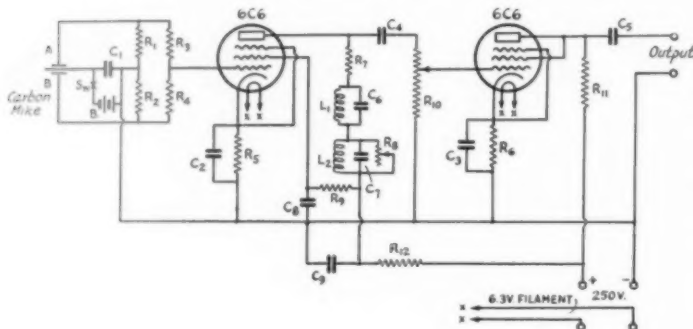


FIG. 1

L1—1/4 henry.  
L2—200 henrys.  
C1—0.1  $\mu$ fd.  
C2, C3—2  $\mu$ fd., 25 volts.  
C4—0.25  $\mu$ fd.  
C5—0.1  $\mu$ fd.  
C6—0.005  $\mu$ fd.  
C7—0.35  $\mu$ fd.  
C8—0.1  $\mu$ fd.  
C9—8  $\mu$ fd.  
R1, R2—200 ohms.

R3, R4—15,000 ohms.  
R5, R6—1000 ohms.  
R7—30,000 ohms.  
R8—500,000 ohms.  
R9—300,000 ohms.  
R10—500,000 ohms.  
R11—100,000 ohms.  
R12—10,000 ohms.  
B—6 volts or more depending on microphone.

high and low frequencies in the later stages of the transformer-coupled power amplifier or modulator.

In the original preamplifier with conventional input transformer, considerable hum was encountered and it was discovered that after all hum was eliminated in the plate supply there was still an annoying amount originating in the input transformer and in the leads to the volume control which had been placed on the secondary side of the input transformer. By changing the volume control to the grid circuit of the second preamplifier tube, as shown, and by using a resistance network instead of the input transformer, all no-

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the overall amplification of the amplifier is increased. It can be seen that as the tube plate resistance increases, the amplification of the tube increases. In the case of resistance-coupled amplifiers one might wonder why we do not increase the plate load resistance indefinitely, to the end that the voltage amplification would equal the amplification factor of the tube. But if the plate resistance is increased to a large value we have an unstable plate circuit and the drop in voltage through the resistance becomes so great that an increased plate supply voltage is necessary to make up for the additional drop in the plate load resistance. We can increase the applied plate voltage but this increases the size and expense of the power supply with not enough increase in voltage amplification to war-

rant it.

The direct current resistance of the 200-henry choke should not be higher than 3000 ohms, and the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -henry choke should not be over 400 ohms for efficient results. The lower the resistance the more gain will be obtained at the resonant frequencies; but if too low a resistance is used the amplification will be peaked at these two frequencies only, and the overall curve for the amplifier will be undesirable. At any other frequency than the resonant frequencies the plate load impedance will be lower and therefore the amplification will be lower. By using a 30,000-ohm resistance in series with the resonant circuits the amplification on frequencies between 60 and 14,000 is maintained at a slightly lower value than the ampli-

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## High Voltage from 32 Volts D.C.

By Wilbur J. Tabor,\* W9KUI

HAMS without access to commercial power but having 32 volts d.c. available will be interested in the power supply used at W9KUI. The set-up described is the result of a couple years spent experimenting on various types of power supplies for 32-volt systems. Among others, a home-grown motor-generator was tried, but its efficiency was terrible.

The supply used now is relatively efficient, easy to build and is entirely satisfactory. It supplies 35 watts to a pair of 45's with 375 volts at 95 mls. This supply consistently brings better QRI reports to the same transmitter than my previous supply which had 24 mikes and 3 chokes. In 31 contacts on 80-meter c.w., not counting two contacts made with the choke shorted out, tone has been reported as T8 once, at all other times T9, sixteen of which were T9X.

The lay-out consists mainly of an altered Stancor ten-tube transformer P949, having a 110-volt primary, 700-volt 120-ma. center-tapped secondary, 6.3-volt secondary and a 5-volt secondary. The idea is to change the 110-volt primary to adapt it to 32 volts. The fiber mount carrying the soldering lugs is removed, also the half shell. Without removing the laminations, cut the wire in the two low-voltage secondaries and remove them, being careful not to damage the 110-volt primary which is underneath. Remove three layers of the primary and about 10 turns of the fourth. Remove a little of the insulation under these ten turns exposing the fifth layer. This gives you three taps on your primary, one at the end of the coil, another at edge of the fourth layer where wire goes to fifth layer, and the

third tap is where the fifth layer was uncovered by removing those ten turns. Experiment to find which tap works best. Using too few turns in the primary causes excessive sparking at the vibrator points. I use the middle tap. This primary is put in series with a Ford coil. The high-voltage terminal of the coil is not used. The success of this supply depends largely on the buzzer adjustments. Put a toothpick under the brass reed of the stationary contact. Connect your transmitter to the set-up for a load. A high-range voltmeter or other means of noting results is necessary. With the buzzer running, voltage will probably be about 150. Now, take another toothpick, place it between the core and the vibrating reed and gently push the reed toward the stationary con-

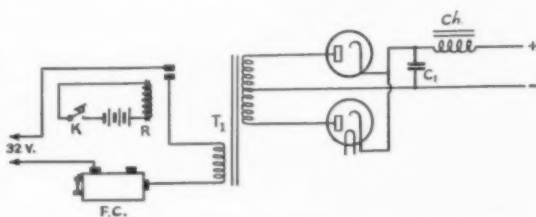


FIG. 1—COMPONENTS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE TEXT

tact. The voltage will rise sharply. This second toothpick is only temporary, to show what results may be expected. To make the permanent spacer, cut strips of thin QSLs about 1 inch by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches and place them between core ending and vibrator. The idea is to dampen the vibrations so as to increase the period of time that current flows during each cycle. I use two strips and get a fine

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adjustment by sliding a smaller third strip up and down between the two. There should be very little sparking at the points. The vibrator should give out a vigorous buzz. It will pay to spend plenty of time experimenting with different thicknesses of paper and adjustments of the thumb screw. A fraction of a turn from where it works best, the points start arcing. You must have good points. They cost only a nickel a pair so have some spares. A little arcing usually spoils them in short order.

I have taken 40 watts from this outfit, but it is more stable at 35. I use 36 volts input, usually, sometimes only 30, which gives 30 watts output from the supply.

The keying relay is a Ford cut-out, stripped of wire and rewound full of No. 32 d.c.c. wire. A 1- $\mu$ fd. condenser across the keying points may be advisable. The rectifiers are a pair of Type 1s. Full-wave rectification is used. Half-wave rectification didn't work at all. The filter consists of a

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## "Fists" I Have Seen

By F. H. Schnell, W9UZ\*

*Fred Schnell has built himself a tape recorder and is having a lot of fun examining "fist-prints." One of the chief things disclosed is that our ears are remarkable mechanisms to make anything out of some of the mangled sending on the air. Some of it is pretty good but subject to easy improvement. The records reproduced in this article were made at random in the 7-mc. band. The recorder itself is inexpensive and can be made by any clever amateur. We shall have a description of it in an early issue.—EDITOR.*

FULLY aware of the risk of severe "panning" for criticizing the other fellow's "fist," it is being done here with comments that seem pertinent towards correcting the mechanical faults. It is hoped that these comments will be accepted in the spirit in which they are offered. Much tinkering with the Mac key at W9UZ, making numerous adjustments to duplicate some of the typical errors, has been productive of results and some corrective suggestions are submitted. The business of recording is still too new and there is much to be learned about what the recorder reveals. Therefore, no definite statements can be made one way or the other in some instances. However, it is clearly evident that a great deal of room remains for improvement in "manipulation."

Running down the list: W2AYN: mechanically perfect with his automatic transmitter at 35 w.p.m.—that's the pattern! W3BPD: needs a wee bit better spacing, otherwise one of the best. W3BES: dashes too short and choppy. W9GMV: clipping it off at a pretty good rate but not enough spacing between words. W9MIK: not enough spacing, dashes of irregular length, but good adjustment on the dots. W3AJO: dot adjustment too light. W5CVA: improper construction of the letter "C," too much spacing between the three dots and the dash of the letter "V" which makes it sound like "ST," 6 dots for the figure "5"—slow down the dots. W2DPB: dot contacts too close. W9DO: practically the same as W9GMV, although both of these operators clip it off at a merry rate. W9TTY: dashes too short. W3BM: dot contacts too close. W2HRA and W3HC:

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well-made characters with good adjustment on the bugs. W9MWH: dots too choppy, probably caused by too much spacing between contacts. W2FIS: a good example of "packed" manipulation—rather difficult except for one who knows how to do it and still retain character details. W1YL: improper spacing between letters. W8GQZ: "CQ" run together with practically no spacing. W1EH: well-defined characters, very good bug adjustment, very slight tendency to run the last dash of "1" and the "E" together in the call "W1EH"; otherwise the best approach to the auto of W2AYN and the best record thus far for uniformity and balance.

It must be remembered that one adjustment of the contacts, weights and springs of the bug will adapt it to only one speed of so-called mechanical perfection. It is possible to vary from the speed by "packing" as W2FIS does it, but this requires skill and operating ability. W9GMV and W9DO "pack" it but more spacing between words could be tolerated.

You've heard "fists" on the air and you've heard some of the same gang blowing whistles at a convention and noticed the whistles maintain the same characteristics. Now the automatic recorder discloses those things which make individualistic "manipulators" and perhaps some of them are not quite as snappy as the owner thinks they are. For instance, notice the tendency for the long third dash in the numeral "8"—dah dah daaahh dit dit. That is nothing more than a bad habit acquired from having it pounded at the eardrum by some operator who, in all probability, picked it up the same way without realizing it.



## Signals Picked at Random in the 7-mc. Band

	W2AYN
	W3BPD
	W3BES
	W8FAR
	W9GMV
	W9KZZ
	W9KXE
	W9MIK
	W3ZD
	W3AJO
	W1GBY
	W5CVA
	W9TWC
	W6KWA
	W8VW
	W2DPB
	W9DO
	W2EQQ
	W9MXX
	W9TLY
	W9RNV
	W8JYP
	W3BM
	W9MXX
	W9TFX
	W9VVL
	W8DFH
	W2HRA
	W3HC
	W9MWH
	W2FIS
	W1FTR
	W1YL
	W1A00
	W8GQZ
	W1EH



# Oakland Radio Club Votes Plaque

To Be Awarded in A.R.R.L.'s Cairo Commercial Occupancy 1936-1937 Survey

AT A recent meeting of the Oakland Radio Club, of Oakland, Calif., it was voted that a suitable award be made to the individual amateur showing the most outstanding work in the Cairo Survey.

To this end a silver wall plaque is on display at the club rooms of The Oakland Radio Club. The plaque is to be awarded to the individual, chosen from results turned in to headquarters of the American Radio Relay League at Hartford for the year beginning March 1, 1936, to March 1, 1937. The plaque is to be known as the "Col. Claire Foster Award," and at the time of presentation will be suitably engraved with the name of the amateur making the best showing.

The plaque itself is eleven and a quarter inches, by fourteen inches overall, ebony base and polished silver insert. A picture of the plaque is presented herewith.

Rules are of the simplest. Competitors must show in submitting Cairo Preparatory Commercial Occupancy Survey log sheets the individual who is the actual observer. Club surveys will not in themselves count on individual scores except as reports are submitted in duplicate by individuals (one to Hq., one to the group control) or a written memorandum covering Rule 4 (a, b, c) submitted to Hartford monthly or oftener, making possible a correct and continuous summary of individual activity as counting toward the award. The word of the A.R.R.L. Cairo Award Committee will be final.

Survey information may be obtained from League Headquarters or from the secretary of The Oakland Radio Club, W6QW, 849 Milton Street, Oakland, Calif.

## Cairo Survey Rules for Award of Plaque

1. All Cairo survey logging reported must take place in the period March 1, 1936 to March 1, 1937.

2. All logs should follow the form<sup>1</sup> or forms approved by the Cairo Committee and show the identity of stations, character of transmitted

<sup>1</sup> A.R.R.L. Headquarters will provide approved log forms for this work to any amateur working in the Cairo preparatory survey on receipt of postal card request for same. Write for your blanks! Get going to win this silver plaque!

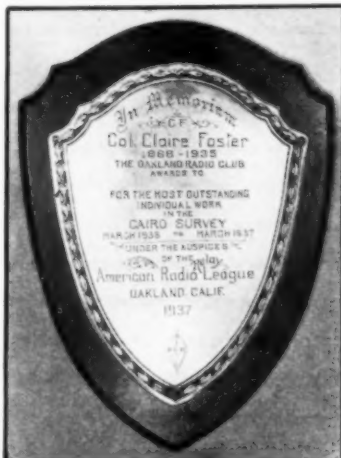
material, the time, duration and frequency of transmissions as accurately as possible.

3. Equal credit will be given for reports on either the 4-4½ mc. or 6-8 mc. ranges prescribed for survey examination.

4. The "most outstanding work of any individual" will be considered as depending on (a) the number of different stations logged with complete details, (b) the time or duration of total observations reported, and (c) the regularity and number of weekly reports received in the one year period.

5. Work by an observer cooperating in "group" surveys shall count for an individual only where the individual work is separately reported making a correct and continuous summary of individual activities in the survey available to the judges.

6. All logs will be examined after analysis by an A.R.R.L. Award Committee whose decision shall be final.



## R.S.G.B.'s "First International" 28-mc. Contest

THE results of A.R.R.L.'s one-year 28-mc. contest appeared in the January issue of *QST* (page 19), with details on the national highs and W9NY's excellent work, which won him the watch charm award.

Covering the same period, R.S.G.B. held a world wide 28-mc. contest. We are taking the liberty to report the highlights from data given in the January, 1936 *T. & R. Bulletin*:

"Mr. B. J. Kroger, X1AY, has been adjudged world winner, and becomes the permanent holder of the very valuable silver trophy presented by the R.S.G.B. Mr. Kroger ran up the very high score of 4542 points with an input of between 40 and 80 watts. His transmitter used two '10's in push-pull.

"Close behind Mr. Kroger came Mr. Con. Bischoff, VK2LZ, who piled up 4071 points. VK's and one ZL account for his first 39 contacts made up to January 27th, then followed QSO's with W9NY and W2TP on March 23rd after a two months' break. J2HJ was worked on the 24th, whilst X1AY provided the big thrill just a week later. On this day, the 31st, 10 W6's were also worked, as well as W4TZ, VK6SA and J2HJ.

"Third place was taken by Mr. J. T. Dixon, W4AJY, who scored 2399 points, mostly from U.S.A. contacts. He had 75 such QSO's during June and 74 during July. In September OA4J, LU9BV, 1EP, 3DD, 3DH, X1AY and VK4BB were worked.

"The most remarkable log submitted was that from Mr. Wareing, W9NY, who finished fourth with 2260 points. This gave a complete record of every 28-mc. call transmitted during the contest, and ran to 47 foolscap sheets. A truly remarkable effort. We commend to the attention of all

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# What the League Is Doing

League Activities, Washington Notes, Board Actions—For Your Information

**Fees?** The F.C.C. and Congress are again talking about fees for licenses for radio stations and operators. The Commission has nearly five hundred people in its staff now, and the idea is to pass on the expense of this administration to the services which benefit from it. Broadcasting would inherit most of the radio expense, of course, and the amount charged us would seem insignificant by comparison. But the A.R.R.L. is opposed to any fees whatever for amateur operation, believing that that would be very short-sighted national policy. We can put up a swell argument, too. The League is therefore expressing itself on the subject to the Commission and will do everything possible to save us from this unnecessary and undesirable expense. The Commission won't get enough out of us to amount to a drop in the bucket, but as individuals it would hurt many of us like sixty. This subject has been up several times in recent years and so far this time it is still in the preliminary stages, but QRX for a possible call for membership assistance.

**Blind Transmissions** The recent exorcism of miniature broadcasting by some amateur 'phones has put the F.C.C. monitoring force on the warpath against all one-way transmissions by amateurs. We think that the amateur should have the right to engage in a one-way communication to an individual equipped only with a receiver, provided the communication is of the type normal to an amateur. The League has had this question up at the F.C.C. and is promised a ruling which will permit blind communications to a particular receiving point, provided the communications are of the usual amateur type and in no sense broadcasting.

**Music Testing** The F.C.C. has decided that the number of abuses of the privilege of transmitting music for test purposes scarcely warrants a rescinding of that provision in our rules. They are going to concentrate, instead, upon pinching the offenders. Most of the violations take the form of trying to entertain either an individual amateur listener or a group of short-wave listeners. This is the broadcasting of entertainment, not amateur communication, and it is prohibited to amateur stations. The monitoring stations are therefore being instructed to go after the violators. Our regulation permits the transmission of music only for brief tests, not by

the half-hour, and for bona fide experimental work, not the entertainment of an audience.

**F.C.C. Notes** Change of address, even to the house next door, requires modification of amateur licenses. It is not sufficient to notify the Inspector. Upon receipt of such notification the inspector sends an application blank. Sometimes a member writes us, demurring about filling out a long form and wondering if it is necessary. The answer is yes. Proper procedure is to write the inspector for an application form, fill it out and mark the heading for "modification," and send it direct to the F.C.C. at Washington, returning your license. Return both licenses, if you still have separate ones. The new license, by the way, will be for a period of three years from date of modification. Proof of activity is not necessary. After having filed for modification you may operate at the new address in portable status, filing monthly notice thereof with your district inspector and remembering to sign the portable indication, until your modified licenses are returned.

We would like to point out an error in nomenclature commonly made by amateurs, in confusing "districts" and "call areas." For example, the region where W6 calls are used is not the sixth district. It used to be, but all that was changed years ago. That region is now simply the sixth amateur call area. The sixth district, or District No. 6 as it is officially known, is something quite different, being the area served by the inspector at Atlanta.

Dig down your copy of the F.C.C. regulations and note the following amendment:

411. Eligibility for reexamination. An applicant who fails examination for amateur privileges may not take another examination for such privileges within ninety days, except that this rule shall not apply to successive examinations at a point named in Rule 30-A.

The examinations in the cities other than the district headquarters are substantially ninety days apart but sometimes only eighty-eight or eighty-nine days, and this amendment permits an amateur who fails the examination at one such city to take it at that same city when the inspector next visits it, even though the elapsed time is not quite ninety days.

**Diathermy QRM** The Commission is aroused over the disclosures regarding diathermy QRM, "The Shadow." They may seek some amendment to the Com-

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# Peace On Earth

## Experiences in a DX Contest—Sad but True

Keith Williams,\* W6DTY

**G**'MORNING, oaf," greeted Wilburforce, as he heaved himself into Charlie's guest chair and helped himself to a cigarette. "Don't tell me you're not going to enter the DX contest, which same begins tomorrow night."

"I won't tell you any such a thing, lid. I'm going to enter and use up my two weeks' vacation by making W.A.C. three times a day."

Wilburforce sighed. Charlie *should* make W.A.C. three times a day he thought as he gazed with envy on the rack and panel all decorated with meters and gadgets and a pair of '04A's—and the Single Signal super. Another sigh.

"Well, Charlie, it'll be a great contest. It'll create plenty of good will in these troubled times, huh? Friendliness and brotherly love among the hams will do a lot and go a long way and all that sort of thing. I'm going to do my part with my noble pair of ten's and my snazzy t.r.f."

Charlie looked benign and fraternal as the dickens. "That's the spirit, Wilburforce, my friend. Brotherly love and good will created by a contest like this will do a lot in days like these. You and I will have to sort of coöperate and so forth. I'll give you a chance and you give me a chance, and we'll work plenty of DX, fella."

"Okay, mud turkle, my pal. And when your gozzle gets rough and your arm gets that glassy feeling, come over and refresh yourself from my private stock and watch my ten's run cold at 120 watts."

Charlie beamed. Drinks were produced and toasts were toasted and the two bosom pals parted with nothing but love and kindness surging about in their hearts.

Promptly on the minute, at the very GT, Charlie turned on his receiver and draped the cans over his head and lit a cigarette and twiddled the dial. Ah, what a life! Signals just dripping all over, right out of the clouds and now to start off with a nice, zippy, friendly call to ZT6K. An immediate QSO. Number here, number there, please, QRK? Lovely! 73 and CUL diddle-de-dar-de-dar! Just like that. The first points and the first continent. Now for another. Well, how elegant . . . HC1FG rolling in nice as anything. A nice, zippy, friendly call. Hot dog! There she be . . . "R OK ES TNX BT NR HR BLURPETY BLURPETY BLURPETY BLOOP CLONK," etc., for three minutes. Charlie turned purple. That blighted geranium Wilburforce

must be clattering around with his ten's! (Profanity!)

Ah! There, the air was clear again. That was Wilburforce calling a CM2. Ah well. He didn't intend to do that. Give him a little call in a minute and remind him to fix the key clicks.

Wilburforce tuned up his crystal and his doubler and his push-pull ten's and pushed the watts around. The plates were slightly pink, but what matter a bit of pink here and there. The key was twiddled experimentally, the monitor listened to. Magnificent! A bit of listening at the receiver. Perfect night! A CM2 calling "CQ TEST W-VE." Okay, big boy, wait a minute. The key was attacked with vim and vigor. Well, blow me down! A QSO right off the bat, just like that, by golly. Number here, number there. All okay and "TNX 73 SK." First points, first CM. Mmmm!

Well, well, well! There was YV3LO smacking out a CQ. Another vimous and vigorous call. Blast my timbers, he came back! "R OK HR NR CLUNK BLA-A-A-A-A-A-AH-AH BLAH BLAH BLAH!" Horrors! That's Charlie pushing a kilowatt right through my head! Ah well, I'll just have to drop over and see him.

"Hello, that you Wilburforce? This is Charlie. Say, old man, you have some pretty nice key clicks over my way and it sort of smears me up a bit. Have you got a filter on your key? Oh, you don't need any? You are keying in the grid circuit of the final? I see. Oh, yes. Well, I'd appreciate it if you'd experiment a bit with a filter anyway. Not kicking, you know, heh-heh-heh, but just thought I'd let you know. Well, good luck and so long."

Knock, knock, knock!

"Hiyu, Charlie. Just thought I'd drop around and see you for a minute or so. Worked much? Oh, W.A.C. already this early in the morning? Fine business. Oh, I've worked a few sundry CM's and a Mexican and a couple South Americans or so. By the way, your old kilowatt certainly does put a blanket on my receiver. When you have the key down I can't hear anything at all. Do you suppose you could lower your power or change your antenna or something? I'm not kicking, you understand, but just thought I'd let you know how things were. You say I ought to have a super? Well I haven't. And I haven't got a kilowatt, either. Well, be seeing you. So long, pal."

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Charlie was vexed beyond words. Every time he'd get a QSO and about half of one number, Wilburforce's key clicks settled his hash for him. Doggone that guy, anyway! Nice fellow and all, but he ought to have a bit more decency about him!

Wilburforce was getting mad. Each time he'd snag a DX station out of the QRM, Charlie would start banging away and hurt his ears and smear everything on the t.r.f. Nice guy and all, but no milk of good old human kindness. Something should be done to a fellow like that.

"Say, listen, Wilburforce, this is Charlie again. You better fix those clicks if you know what's good for you. I'm not taking a two weeks' vacation and going without sleep and everything, and burning up a few kilowatts of juice just to sit here and be entertained by a squad of beastly clicks like you're turning out!"

Knock, knock, knock!

"Hiyu, Charlie. Boy you're sure knocking the devil out of things for me with your blasting over here. I know it's fun to draw an eight-inch spark off the feeders with a pencil, but couldn't you do pretty well and have a lot more fun with lower power or something? No? Well, I'm getting pretty mad about it myself. You better watch out, mister!"

Slam! Stomp, stomp, stomp!

A period of siege ensued. Charlie put a paper weight on his key and sat back and gloated. Wilburforce put his key in the positive lead to the ten's and manufactured a slip wheel out of a clock, and let her rip out dots for Charlie's entertainment.

It was pretty dark. And the fog was blowing in and it was getting cool. Charlie was walking along the street toward Wilburforce's house. Suddenly he met Wilburforce.

"Hello, where you going? I thought I still heard that infernal machine of yours clacking away when I left the house. And what's that you've got in your hand?"

"Oh, hello, Charlie. Well, as a matter of fact, I was headed for your place. I thought I heard your sawmill still putting out steady when I left my house. And this is a baseball bat that I got for my kid last Christmas."

"Oh, I see, Wilburforce. You intend to get nasty about things, huh? Well, as a matter of information, I've got a hammer here I got as a present for my brother-in-law, who's a carpenter, but I'm going to let you have it!"

"Ah, yes, I see. Well, Charlie, this baseball bat I was bringing over to your house you can have right now."

Wham! Pow! Whop! Smack! Clunk!

"That'll teach you to have key clicks!"

"This'll show you how to push a kilowatt around. . . . Oof!"

And so ended the good-will DX contest as far as Wilburforce and Charlie were concerned. The world, in its troubled and hectic days, with war brewing everywhere, was a great deal better off. Good will and brotherly love pervaded. The old ham spirit was triumphant. Wonderful fraternalism among the hams. Ah, radio! Oh, ether Gods! Lovely.

## Strays

Reception reports from stations located in Virginia, the Carolinas, Florida, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada, the Dakotas and Minnesota are requested on the 20-meter 'phone signals of W9YAB, the station of Fred Q. Gemmill at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, in connection with thesis work on directional antenna systems. These areas lie in the null regions of the antenna in use at present, and signal reports will be especially valuable. The station is on the air for at least an hour each morning, and longer periods on weekends.

Fellows who incline to vertical antennas for 20-meter work will be interested in a rig being marketed by W9GBT, Robert Foltz of Sterling, Illinois. It consists of a two-section tube of a new type of spring-tempered one-inch copper tubing, capable of standing up with only three guy ropes. The usual types of copper tubing are not satisfactory because of lack of rigidity.

## A Low-Cost Crystal Transmitter

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transfer power to the antenna. The "link" connecting these two coils may also be a pair of "push-back" wires twisted together. When the antenna circuit is hooked to the transmitter, a rise in plate current will take place. The amplifier is then tuned to minimum plate current.

The antenna tuner condenser is now tuned to give the highest amplifier plate current and the amplifier is again trimmed for resonance. These adjustments, together with adjustment of the coupling link between amplifier and antenna, enable one to set the amplifier plate current at a reasonable operating value (between 50 and 60 ma.). It must be remembered that the meter is connected to read the total of oscillator and amplifier plate current and that the oscillator value must be subtracted from the total to give the amplifier input.

Two months of operation under normal ham conditions have shown this rig to be an efficient and practical piece of gear. Don't let 'em kid you—high power isn't everything in this ham hobby.



# The Canada-U. S. A. Contact Contest, 1935

By F. H. B. Saxon, VE3SC and S. B. Trainer, Jr., VE3GT

THE third A.R.R.L. Canada-U. S. A. Contact Contest, held from November 8th (6 p.m.) to November 10th (midnight) was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to participate. In the contest, each W/VE contact had the basic count of one point, with an additional two points being given for "the handling of any traffic regardless of the amount." A number of contestants misinterpreted "the handling of any traffic" as meaning that messages had to be exchanged as in SS contests, and thereby lost some valuable time while on the air. Congratulations are particularly due to those making the highest ten scores in the United States and Canada. Certificates have been sent to each of the Section winners, signed in full by the committee who sponsored the contest as well as the Canadian General Manager.

## THE TEN HIGHEST

### Canada

VE4QZ	23,431	VE4KA	20,358
VE2DG	22,732	VE3TD	19,152
VE5HQ	21,995	VE2JK	17,370
VE3QD	21,840	VE1GE	15,651
VE3DJ	20,741	VE4PH	15,219

### U. S. A.

W1BFT	15,120	W8JIN	11,016
W9TYF	13,135	W8FIP	10,899
W3DMQ	12,285	W6KRI	9,639
W1EZ	11,655	W9DQH	8,789
W2GKR	11,277	W9PTE	8,600

VE4QZ successfully took VE5HQ's place as the top VE this year by working 128 W stations in 41 A.R.R.L. Sections with an input to the final stage of 45 watts. VE3QD worked the most W's, 188, while VE5HQ again worked the most W Sections, 43, two less than in 1934. Seven VE's worked more than 120 W's during the short period of the Contest, VE2DG "bagging" 151, and VE3DJ 145. VE1EP's score of 18,921 was made by two operators, VE1EP and VE1HG, and is therefore not listed with the "ten highest."

W1BFT took undisputed lead of the W's by contacting and handling contest traffic with 80 VE's in all VE Sections!!!! W9GBJ, 1934 winner, worked 50 VE's. W8JIN "hooked" 68 VE's, W3DMQ 67, W1EZ and W2GKR 63, and W8FIP 59. In 1932 no W worked all VE Sections, and in 1934 five W's worked all VE Sections, while in 1935 36 different W's worked all seven VE Sections!!!! Every reporting station from Indiana accomplished this feat, and W1's, W2's, W3's, W6's and W7's, all did it without difficulty. It is worthy of note that among the leaders nearly every section of the country is represented. The first twelve W8's scored higher than the 1934

winner, while only two VE's were able to do it. Many W's worked that elusive VE Section for the first time and many VE's were able to add the 48th State to their list of QSO's. Many W's worked all Canadian Sections several times over.

VE4QZ, the leading VE, wins the handsome cup presented by the Wholesale Radio Co. Limited, of Toronto, as well as a Hammarlund transmitting condenser, donated by White Radio Co. of Hamilton, Ont. VE2DG, won second prize, a Hammond Transformer donated by Hammond Mfg. Co. of Canada Limited. The Johnson Mfg. Co. presented a 14-mc. "Q" Antenna to VE5HQ, as third prize. Fourth prize went to VE3QD, two high voltage filter condensers, presented by Polymet of Canada Limited, and fifth prize, two Band Switches were presented to VE3DJ, the winner of fifth prize, by the Ohmite Mfg. Co.

W3DMQ wrote: "Attribute my score to judicious use of twelve crystals and the use of three bands. Broke sleeping record. Started contest aged 15, and was aged 16 when it ended, my birthday being November 11th." W9RH forgot the contest until the last hour and then worked four VE's in four VE Sections. W9RIA was sorry he didn't work his brother VE5LP, although his sister, W9TSV, was heard working plenty of VE's, and said, "The contest was great, creating new friends, bringing old ones closer together." W5EZA worked all VE Sections and his first VE1 with less than 8 watts input.

W1EZ offered an excellent suggestion, "that in future VE/W Contests VE stations in the middle of the bands might well use the familiar DX 'Q' signals, indicating the portion of the bands they intend to cover, which would also tend to reduce QRM from stations in the remote section of the bands." W6KRI worked more VE's in the Contest than he had ever worked before!!! W9EGP had 10,000 points of fun. VE4QZ worked an XYL with his 88th message! VE3QB, with less than ten watts input worked 28 W's in 11 Sections. VE2DG started six hours after the Contest opened and nearly landed in first place among the VE's.

3, 5, 7 and 14 mc. were the most popular bands, with successful QSO's being about evenly distributed among the three bands. Many stations reported unusually poor conditions during the contest in some parts of the continent. Seventy-three per cent of the VE's used less than 50 watts input to the last stage, which shows fully what can be accomplished with comparatively low power. Only twenty-nine per cent of the W's used less than 50 watts.

Several VE's worked K6, while three W's worked the Northwest Territories of Canada, which comes under VE3. W8JTT, W9FOQ, W5CPT, VE5HQ and VE4KX all won in their respective Sections for the second successive time.

Each year's contest has seen an increase in activity, and it is hoped that next time more of the participating stations will send in their logs to aid the Committee in checking logs, and so that those who did not take part will really observe something they have missed. Those who were in this contest "eagerly await the next." The Contest Committee wishes to thank all those who took such pains to prepare neat logs, and for the fine cooperation by many who did not "actively participate." It is planned to make this Contest an annual affair, and your continued enthusiasm and support is requested by the Committee.

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# Pentodes as Class-AB Amplifiers

**I**N OPERATING pentode-type tubes in high-power audio stages of the Class-AB type it has been customary to use the tubes not as pentodes but as triodes, the screen being connected directly to the plate in each tube. This method of connection does not retain the characteristic high power-sensitivity of the pentode-connected tube, however. On the other hand the regular pentode connections, with screen at the same d.c. potential as the plate but grounded for audio, cannot be used in Class-AB amplifiers because the plate potentials required for high power outputs (of the order of 350 volts) would cause the power dissipated in the screen to be far beyond the safe value. If, however, the screen voltage is kept down to its normal value for Class-A service—about 250 volts—the plate potential may be increased without damage to the tube.

The advantages of using the pentode connection in Class-AB service are greater power sensitivity—less grid voltage swing required and less power taken from the driver—than for triode operation, generally greater output, especially with self-biased circuits, and lower total distortion at maximum output. The following information on operating 6F6 tubes as pentode Class-AB amplifiers is taken from an *Application Note* published by RCA Manufacturing Company, Inc.

A typical circuit for 6F6 pentodes as Class-AB amplifiers driven by a single 6F6 triode-connected is given in Fig. 1. Recommended values of cathode resistor for both stages are given in the diagram; these should be by-passed by large-capacity condensers in the usual way. It will be noted that this circuit differs from the regular push-pull amplifier circuit only in that the screens are operated at a lower potential than the plates. If fixed bias is to be used on the power stage, the negative high-voltage return should be made to the cathodes, a source of fixed bias being inserted in place of the cathode resistor indicated.

Tests have shown that the optimum plate-to-plate load is substantially independent of the voltage regulation of the power supply (this factor must be considered, since the current varies with the signal) and likewise of the voltage regulation in the screen circuit. It is also independent of the bias system used, being a function of the power output desired, the permissible distortion, and the allowable plate and screen dissipation. Plate and screen voltage regulation is a factor in the determination of the optimum input transformer ratio, however, and the biasing method also is found to influence the input transformer design. Optimum operating data are given in the following table for both fixed and self bias.

TABLE I

Driver—6F6	Fixed Bias*	Self Bias
Input signal, r.m.s. ....	10.1	10.3 volts
Plate load resistance .....	21,800	33,100 ohms
Max. power output .....	288	261 mw.
Interstage transformer		
Turns ratio, pri. to 1/2 sec. ....	1.54:1	1.74:1
Peak power efficiency .....	73.5	64.4%
Output stage—two 6F6's		
Peak grid input power .....	210	168 mw.
Peak grid input voltage (per tube) .....	47.4	50.5 volts
D.c. grid current (per tube) .....	1.2	1.0 ma.
Zero-signal plate current (per tube) .....	17	27 ma.
Max. signal plate current (per tube) .....	39.5	37.5 ma.
Zero-signal screen current (per tube) .....	2.5	4.0 ma.
Max. signal screen current (per tube) .....	8.0	7.5 ma.
Plate-to-plate load .....	10,000	10,000 ohms
Power output (two tubes) .....	18.5	17.1 watts
Total harmonic distortion, percent. ....	5.1	5.0

\* Fixed bias, -26 volts.

In the above table, the voltage regulation of the plate supply is assumed to be equivalent to 1000 ohms in series with the plate and an additional 2000 ohms in series with the screen from a plate supply with perfect regulation, on the assumption

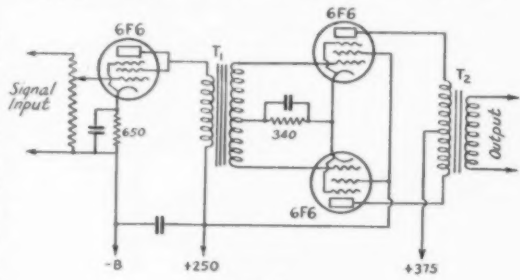


FIG. 1

that in an actual receiver or amplifier the plate voltage would be obtained directly from the first filter condenser while the screen voltage would be secured from a point on the voltage divider or through the drop in a speaker field coil. These figures probably represent average conditions.

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## New Receiving Tubes

**A** NEW duplex-diode triode, to be known as the 6R7, has been added to the metal tube series, according to announcements from Raytheon and RCA-Radiotron. The triode section of the 6R7 is a medium-μ affair, designed to give

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# Art-Metal Finish

## The Application and Treatment of Crackle Enamel

By Paul E. Millington,\* W9KSW and Roger Zaun,\*\* W9UVV

**A** DURABLE and handsome one-coat finish for laboratory and radio equipment is now available through the development of a so-called crackle enamel or paint, known commercially as "art-metal finish."<sup>1</sup> The product is manufactured in a variety of colors, of which the easiest to apply and generally the most satisfactory for amateur use is plain black. Besides having a high viscosity, its application and treatment differ considerably from the more familiar types of metal finishes.

Either one of two general methods for the actual application may be used. The best, probably, is the use of a power sprayer capable of handling the heavy liquid full body. A hand sprayer with an adjustable nozzle is satisfactory, although the difficulties encountered with such an apparatus are not appreciated until its use is attempted. In either case, the paint spurts as it issues from the nozzle. However, this effect is entirely normal and necessary in building up a moderately heavy even coat. The paint may be applied successfully also by means of a soft brush, undoubtedly a more convenient method for most amateurs. Brushing should be light and continued only long enough to insure an even application. The resulting coating of material must be normally heavier than an ordinary paint, although very thick applications are to be avoided. As a rule, a few small bubbles will remain distributed over the surface after brushing. While these are not particularly harmful, the larger ones may be pricked open with a sharp wire. The effects of spurting from the sprayer, or brush marks, in case the second method has been elected, soon disappear, the final surface presenting a smooth glistening appearance. Suspiciously thin places may be covered further by allowing a fine stream of the paint to flow in from a stick, or the brush, held above the surface. Panels should be supported horizontally to obviate running, while articles of irregular shape must be covered less thickly, some practice being necessary before the optimum thickness of paint can be secured.

Once the piece is covered satisfactorily, it should be allowed to air dry under comparatively dust-free conditions for a period of one-half to two hours, and then heated for one hour or more

at a temperature of 200° to 250° F., measured by an accurate thermometer. The baking can be accomplished on an ordinary gas stove oven large enough to hold the piece. Panels should lie flat, usually supported on one of the removable grills. If the oven is small the door may be left open, the article allowed to extend outside and the front boxed in with cardboard. In such cases, the object must be reversed during the baking to insure proper heat treatment. Temperatures must not exceed 250° F., otherwise blistering occurs. Over a limited area blisters can be pricked open, patted down and the article returned to the oven. The longer the heating, the harder the finish, although an hour and one-half is amply sufficient for most purposes.

The paint, due to its asphalt-like character, is soft while hot, even at the end of the heat treatment. Hence great care must be exercised in moving the finished articles before they are cold. Articles previously painted with an ordinary paint or enamel can be treated directly providing the old finish does not blister or crack off at 250° F. Should this occur on preliminary test, the old material must be removed completely before the art-metal finish is applied.

Bakelite can be handled as metal except that some provision must be made to support large panels at several points, since bakelite softens appreciably at the baking temperature.

Sprayers and brushes are cleaned readily by the use of toluene, xylene, or even acetone, which are available at many large paint stores and at all chemical supply houses. Turpentine, gasoline, and naphtha have proved to be ineffective.

As a rule, the texture of the finish will vary from article to article, since amateurs find it difficult to control conditions exactly. Then, too, graining of a surface sometimes occurs, probably due to slightly uneven application. However, these variations are pleasing to most people rather than otherwise.

## Connecticut State Convention

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A good program has been prepared. Watch for the publicity.

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# Transmission-Line Loading for Short Antennas

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**P**ROBABLY one of the biggest ham problems is that of putting up the best antenna system that the location will permit. Nearly any amateur will admit that a good antenna system is half the battle, yet the time and effort spent on the sky wire is far from being in proportion to the importance of that unit.

localities. If we only could remove the radiating portion of the antenna from surrounding objects, this problem would be considerably simplified. But how to get a half wave flat-top for 160-meter 'phone or c.w. on the top of a small apartment house? It's quite a job! (Fig. 1).

The usual device for lowering the fundamental frequency of an antenna is well known. It is our old friend the loading coil, and was very widely used in the old days. It behaves best when inserted at a voltage node. Our 160-meter flat-top can be brought into step by putting the proper value of loading coil in the center, as in

Fig. 2. Loading coils can also be put at the ends of the antenna, but here they operate partly as a capacity load at the ends, and will not be discussed now. That leaves the loading coil in the center as the alternative. However, there is a hitch to this proposition, that of making, adjusting and weatherproofing the coil.

Let us consider an equivalent circuit to replace the coil. A pair of closed or shorted transmission lines possesses inductive reactance, providing the length is less than one-quarter wave. Conversely, a pair of open transmission lines less than a

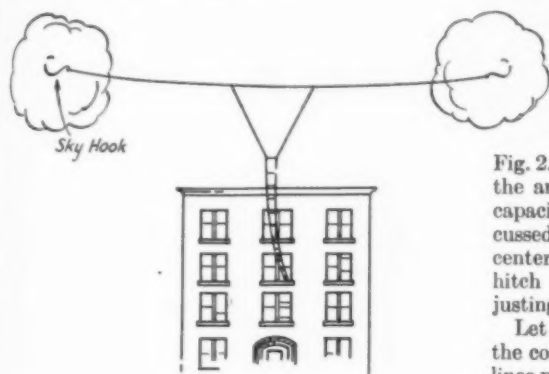


FIG. 1

"... 160-METER FLAT TOP ON A SMALL APARTMENT BUILDING? IT'S QUITE A JOB!"



FIG. 2



FIG. 3

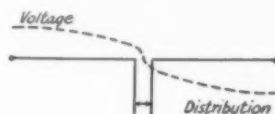


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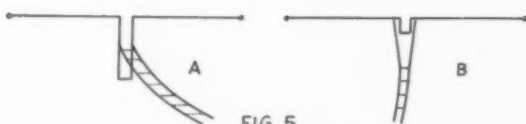


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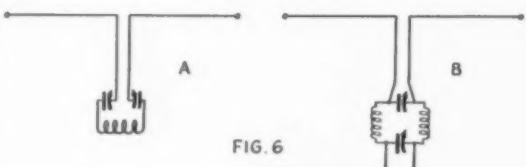


FIG. 6

Most of us—particularly those living in the cities—are cramped for the necessary space in which to hang the antenna, and as a result take a questionable refuge on the higher frequencies. Probably lack of room has kept many a ham from enjoying the relatively open spaces on the lower frequencies, particularly 1.7 mc. There is also the problem of b.c.l. QRM in crowded

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## An Unorthodox Antenna

By Yardley Beers,\* W3AWH

MANY antenna systems, though theoretically good radiators, have the weakness of radiating at angles often not effective for communication. In addition, theory cannot provide sufficiently for the presence of objects such as metal roofs, gutter pipes, BCL antennas and the like, which usually exist on the premises of most amateurs. Hence an antenna which is designed from experiment rather than theory would seem to be justified.

Such an antenna has been designed by the writer's friend, Mr. H. J. Siegel, W3EDP.<sup>1</sup> On first coming on the air two years ago, though he consumed over a thousand feet of wire in experimenting with antennas of the usual types, W3EDP failed to get satisfactory results. His goal was an antenna which could be operated efficiently on all bands, so he set about to design a new antenna, trying to find the best compromise between radiating angle and theoretical efficiency. The radiating angle of an antenna depends not only on the height above ground and the orientation with respect to the horizontal but also on the length. Being unable to alter the first two factors, W3EDP varied the third.

A one-hundred-foot roll of wire was hung up to his mast and tried out for several weeks on 7 mc. The results were carefully tabulated, with due allowance being made for adverse conditions. Four feet of wire was then cut off and this process repeated. Almost every reasonable antenna length was tried, and then the entire process was repeated several times. When all the tabulations were complete, a length of 84 feet seemed to stand out as being the best of all the combinations tried. It may be apropos here to state that the antenna in all cases was inductively coupled to the final power amplifier by a parallel-

tuned tank circuit on all bands. This parallel-tuned circuit was arranged for variable coupling to the final power amplifier tank coil so that it could be adjusted for maximum efficiency and so that the load on the final amplifier could be controlled. It is important to mention here that low  $C$  in the antenna circuit gave by far the best efficiency. High  $C$  caused a high circulating current and looked very nice on the thermocouple ammeter but was nil for results.

Not liking entirely the idea of an end-fed single wire antenna, W3EDP set about to find a counterpoise for the best results with his 84-foot antenna. Going through a pruning process similar to that with the antenna itself produced a counterpoise length of 17 feet as the one working best in combination with the antenna. This combination seemed to work excellently on 160, 80, 40 and 10 meters, but on 20 meters a counterpoise length of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet seemed to outshine all others. The parallel tuning arrangement remains untouched for operation on all bands. W3EDP was a bit skeptical about the operation of this system on 10 meters, so he put his transmitter down there to find out. Results were about equal operating with the 17-foot counterpoise and in operating without any counterpoise at all. The antenna is about 20 feet from the ground and the counterpoises are strung in the room near the ceiling of the first floor of his house. No lead-in arrangement was found necessary, the antenna and counterpoise both being brought directly to the antenna coil. The antenna and counterpoise are at right angles to each other.

Like most antennas, this one has its directional properties, though it is a bit difficult to say just what they are, for at most times it gives excellent results in all directions. Recently we have been getting VK, ZL and ZS stations twice daily on 14 mc., apparently by different paths; VK and ZL have been worked in the early and late mornings, early afternoon and evening and again at midnight; ZS stations at early afternoon and again

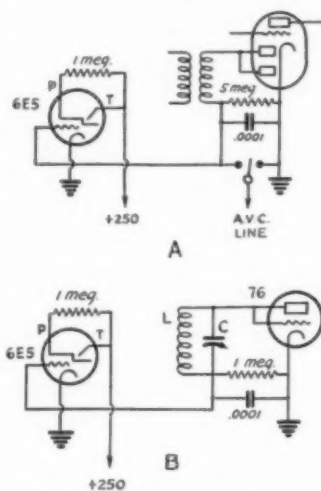


FIG. 1—CIRCUITS FOR USING THE 6E5 FOR CHECKING OVER-MODULATION

A typical application to an AVC-equipped superhet receiver is shown at A. An overmodulation indicator for transmitting is given at B.

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just before midnight. Roughly speaking, the antenna seems to give best results in a direction at right angles to its length. It also has the unusual property of emitting a very weak ground wave. On 7 mc. W3EDP's signals have been barely audible across town, when at the same time he was QSO the west coast and getting an R8-9 report.

Though this antenna may seem unorthodox to many, the results obtained with it should justify it fully. Using a pair of 46's with 50 watts input to the final P.A., W3EDP has consistently received R7-8 reports on 7 and 14 mc. from five continents. In addition he has worked 75 countries in all continents within two years with this little rig from an average DX location, a record not duplicated by many using higher power. W3EDP has used his antenna system at two different locations with equal results. In addition the writer has used this antenna in a badly screened location, between two houses and under several trees, yet without altering the dimensions from those given him by W3EDP he has obtained excellent results on 3.5 mc., having worked Europe several times with a pair of '10's.

This antenna is not offered to the reader as a cure-all for his antenna troubles. To discover its true value it will have to be tested at more locations of different characteristics. The dimensions may have to be altered slightly in some locations for maximum efficiency. It is the writer's belief that the design of this antenna perhaps may be the basis of further antenna experiments.

### The 6E5 for Checking Overmodulation

A method for checking overmodulation by the use of the new electron ray tube—the "magic eye"—is suggested by Clarence C. Moore, W9LZX. Overmodulation in either the upward or downward direction can be detected, and the gadget can be used to check incoming signals as well as one's own transmitter.

Typical circuits for both receiving and transmitting are indicated in Fig. 1. Circuit A shows how the 6E5 can be connected into a superhet receiver using a diode rectifier. The grid of the 6E5 is connected to the a.v.c. side of the rectifier load resistor. Audio coupling is omitted in the interests of simplification although the connections in the receiver would not be disturbed. The width of the shaded area on the target is dependent upon the voltage developed across the diode load resistor and hence upon the received signal strength. On the method of using the tube W9LZX writes: "The 'magic eye,' when nearly closed on a strong carrier, has light yellowish-green edges on the two sides of the opening. With modulation there is a fuzzy appearance between these edges, but with overmodulation the two bright edges themselves will shift closer together. With downward modulation the opposite occurs. The most accurate reading is obtained when the eye is open

about 40 degrees. The a.v.c. on the super cannot be used at the same time because it would compensate for any carrier shift. The audio gain control may need to be turned down while the i.f. gain is brought up high enough to get proper readings on weak stations."

Incidentally, the 6E5 can be used as a tuning meter when the a.v.c. is connected in.

For transmitting, the circuit shown at Fig. 1-B is suggested. It is equivalent to that at A except that a triode with grid and plate connected together is used as a rectifier. The tuned circuit is adjusted to resonance at the transmitting frequency. The circuit must be well shielded so that the only signal pickup is through the tuned circuit.

### Adapting the Patterson PR-10 for 10 Meters

Since the 10-meter band has opened up many amateurs owning Patterson receivers would like to listen on that band but are unable to do so, because the PR-10 and smaller Patterson sets will only tune down to 16 meters. However by means of an adapter we have been using our Patterson PR-10 with excellent results on the 10- to 8-meter band.

The adapter consists of a 10-meter grid coil of the dimensions given in Fig. 2, tuned by a midget of 100 to 250- $\mu$ fd. capacity. The grid coil is mounted on the condenser. The rotor side of the condenser is grounded by mounting it on a bracket which is screwed to the chassis, which, of course, is already grounded. A short grid lead passes through a ventilator slot on the side of the receiver. The 10-meter grid lead clips on the grid cap of the first detector tube after removing the usual grid-cap connection. The antenna is then removed from the antenna post on the receiver and clipped on a small antenna coil of 2 or 3 turns coupled to the 10-meter grid coil. We have our antenna coil mounted on the end of the grid coil. If a doublet is to be used it may be coupled to the grid coil by a turn or two.

To tune on the 10-meter band first place the band selector switch to the 20-meter band. Then set the main dial at approximately 50 and proceed to tune with the band spread dial if a PR-10 model is used. If not, then all tuning is done with the one tuning dial on the receiver. After setting

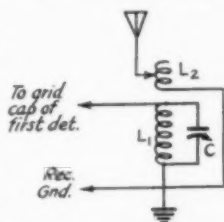


FIG. 2—A TEN-METER ADAPTER FOR PR-10 AND SIMILAR RECEIVERS WITHOUT THE TEN-METER RANGE

The circuit replaces the first-detector tuned circuit and employs the second harmonic of the set oscillator.

C—Midget variable condenser, 100 to 250  $\mu$ fd.

L1—Grid coil, 6 turns No. 14 wire, spaced  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch between turns; coil diameter  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

L2—Antenna coil, same construction as L1, but 2 or 3 turns.

the main dial to the frequency the grid condenser,  $C_1$ , should be adjusted for maximum noise level.

The receiver in this fashion is working off the harmonic of the 20-meter oscillator. The output is nearly as good as on 20 meters.

—Malcolm P. Mobley, W6JYH

#### Adapting the QST Three-Tube Transmitter to Ten Meters

The transmitter using a 47 crystal oscillator, 10 buffer-doubler and 203-A final described in February, 1934, QST can very easily be changed to work on 28 mc. Using a 7-mc. crystal the coil  $L_1$  in the crystal plate circuit should be changed to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  turns of No. 12 enamelled wire, close wound on a two-inch form. Coil  $L_2$  in the doubler plate circuit becomes 4 turns of No. 12 enamelled wire, spaced the diameter of the wire; the neutralizing winding consists of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  turns close wound one-quarter inch from tank coil. Coil  $L_3$  in the plate circuit of the final stage is changed to 2 turns of quarter-inch copper tubing spaced about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, the diameter remaining the same.

With this size buffer-doubler coil the rig can be worked on 7 mc. using the 10 stage as a buffer.

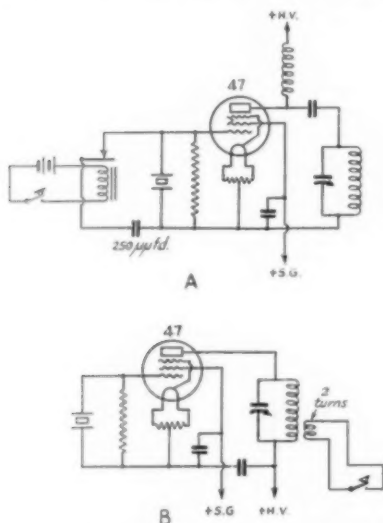


FIG. 3—CLICKLESS CRYSTAL KEYING CIRCUITS  
That at A operates by grounding the grid (for r.f.) with the key open. In B the plate circuit is detuned with the key open.

The condenser readings should be around 85 for 7 mc. and around 5 for 14 mc. when doubling. With 500 volts on the plate of the 10, the tube should draw 80 mils. The 203-A grid bias resistor should be reduced to 5000 ohms and the grid mils will read 15. With load on the final the grid mils will read 12. With the 203-A being used as a doubler to 28 mc. the minimum plate current will be about 10 ma. with no load.

Have used this arrangement for about a week off and on and have reports of R5 to R9 from the West Coast and Europe.

—A. W. Kovatch, W8BYM

#### Crystal Oscillator Keying

Fig. 3 shows two crystal keying circuits which operate entirely on the r.f. portion of the circuit and break no d.c. contacts. That shown at A is used by Nat. C. Smith, W9UJ-W2CZU, who writes:

"This method eliminates the key clicks so that it is impossible to tell when the transmitter is keyed when listening to the receiver; no clicks, just a shushing sound, is the result.

"A relay is required. The contacts need not be very husky as no sparking is evident. The back contact of a s.p.d.t. relay is used.

"Pressing the key removes the ground from the crystal and the plate milliammeter will show normal current for the crystal in oscillation. When the key is released, the relay grounds the crystal and plate current rises about 25%. My oscillator with 375 volts on the plate has the following currents:

Crystal grounded—40 ma.

Crystal oscillating—25 ma.

"Naturally the stages following the crystal must be biased to practically cut off to prevent tube damage when excitation is removed."

A system operating on much the same principle is shown in Fig. 3-B. In this case a keyed loop coupled to the plate tank is used to detune the circuit and thus control oscillation. This arrangement is suggested by S. G. Read, W8JUQ. It has been his experience also that key clicks are completely absent on a receiver in the same room.

The keying loop need have only about two turns, closely coupled to the plate coil. To tune, close the key and adjust the plate tuning for oscillation, tuning far enough on the high-frequency side of resonance to give clean-cut keying. When the key is opened the circuit is detuned and oscillations cease.

#### Code Practice Set for Eliminating Clicks

Low-power stations using the key from an old code practice set on the transmitter can eliminate key clicks very simply. Connect the key leads from the transmitter to the outside terminals on the buzzer set (as if connecting batteries for code practice). Hook a condenser of about one  $\mu$ fd.

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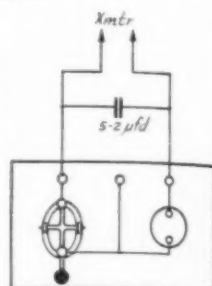


FIG. 4—USING THE CODE PRACTICE BUZZER IN A KEY-THUMP ELIMINATOR

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#### Tone:

Commenting on the RST system, the D.A.S.D. recalls to mind the T-scale suggested some years ago by J. Fuchs, OE1JF, and reproduced at that time in *QST*. This system has achieved almost universal adoption in Germany and widespread use amongst other European amateurs, although it is not generally employed through the rest of the world. It is suggested that this may be due to lack of information concerning the scale, and that this situation be remedied through adequate publicity. This we are glad to provide.

The principal advantage of the Fuchs' scale, which is reproduced immediately following, is that it takes into consideration the stability of the received signal, and provides unmistakable definitions of quality. Freely translated, the definitions are:

- T1—Plates fed by raw a.c., 50 to 60 cycles.
- T2—Plates fed by a.c. or r.a.c. of musical frequency.
- T3—Plates fed by r.a.c. without filter.
- T4—Plates fed by r.a.c., smoothly filtered, stable.
- T5—Plates fed by r.a.c., well-filtered but unstable.
- T6—Plates fed by r.a.c., well-filtered, very stable.
- T7—Plates fed by d.c., unstable (i.e., chirps, etc.).
- T8—Plates fed by d.c., stable, but clicks, spurious radiations.
- T9—Plates fed by d.c., perfectly stable.

This system, by the way, represents the T-scale in the well-known European W-R-T reporting system.

#### Prefixes:

We have a variety of new prefixes to report this month. Under British jurisdiction, the following changes have been made: Ascension Islands are now ZD8, St. Helena is ZD7, and Mauritius has been assigned VQ8.

Mexico, as almost everyone must know by now, has used XE since January 1st.

The anomalous situation with regard to Greenland and The Faeroes has been cleared up by the assignment by the Danish government of OX to Greenland and OY to The Faeroes. The latter, by the way, are considered part of Denmark, whereas Greenland is a Danish colony.

#### TBTOC:

Opening up of the 28-mc. band has lent renewed impetus to the number of claimants for the TBTOC (Three-Band Trans-Oceanic Club) classification. Among the newcomers:

W9MIN, with D4ARR  
VE3WA, with VK3YP  
LU1EP, with ON4AU  
VK3MR, with W8CRA  
VK5HG, with W8CRA  
VK3KX, with W6JJU  
J2LK, with W6JJU  
J2LU, with W6JJU  
E18B, with W1AF  
ON4LX, with W1AF

Pa0FX with W1SZ, D4ARR with W1SZ have graduated to the FBTOC, doing the job on 28, 14, 7 and 3.5 mc. W6JJU, is close to a TBTOC WAC, which would indeed be something.

In this connection, it should be pointed out that at present no certificate is being issued in

connection with TBTOC. In the December, 1934, issue of *QST*, on page 49, a suggestion by W6FFP that certificates be provided to those qualificants willing to pay a nominal sum was presented. The response to the suggestion at that time was negligible. Perhaps now, with a larger number of TBTOC members, and with all this new-found prosperity we are hearing about on the b.c. chains, the answer is a different one. How many TBTOC-er's would be willing to pay a certain amount, probably a dollar or so each (less if enough wanted them), for a unique and distinctive coöperatively-financed certificate establishing their honored place in the highest existent DX category (hi!)? Let's have a showing of hands.

#### National:

The month's budget of news: *Bolivia*: H. E. J. Smith, ex-CT2BK, writes that none of the Bolivian calls now listed are effective, licenses having been cancelled for more than two years because of the war with Paraguay. Until this is finally concluded there won't be any amateur radio in this country; and in any event, the authorities don't



MISS NELLY CORRY, G2YL, HOLDER OF FIRST 28-MC. WBE AND ONE OF THE FIRST 28-MC. WACS

care a whole lot for amateurs, although there are some genuinely interested experimenters. Receivers are generally permitted, however, and, except in the city of La Paz itself, which is in a hole, conditions are quite good. *Brazil*: Vasco Abreu, PY1AW, tells us that during the last week of November a small rebellion burst out in a few places in Brazil. It was promptly overcome, but meantime PY stations were instructed to stop their activities until orders to the contrary were issued. Last word is that this order is still being strictly observed. PY1AW reports an average QSL rate of 54% on the part of W stations, the 3rd district being high with 70% and the 2nd district low with 40%. *Denmark*: H. T. Petersen, OZ7Z, reports among other things, that OZ9WB/9Q has worked all Australian and New Zealand districts, a record. OZ2M worked all U. S. districts and four Canadian last October. *France*: On last November 1st André Auger,,

F8EF, long and favorably known as the constructively active president of the R.E.F., was forced to resign his position due to the pressure of personal affairs. He is succeeded by Georges Barba, F8LA, an old-time amateur whose call will be familiar to many, and who gives assurance of leading the R.E.F. in the same successful paths as M. Auger. The latter will continue actively in charge of foreign relations, including I.A.R.U. matters, at the request of the Council. Another report from France gives the American winners in the 1935 "Coupe du REF" competition. W8MAH took first U. S. Honors, followed by W8GQB and W8KOL, who were paired for second place, and W8KWJ, W9TBX, W8ERZ, W1FPP and W3UVA, all of whom were tied for third place. In Canada the winners were VE1ET and VE3HF. Both W8MAH and VE1ET will receive special certificates in recognition of their work. *India*: B. M. Tanna, Hon. Secretary of the Indian Radio Amateurs' League, sends us the following information concerning the radio regulations in India: All Madrid bands are allowed, except that the 3.5-mc. band is restricted to 3750-4000 kc. 'Phone is allowed on all bands. Except in special cases the maximum power allowed is 10 watts input to the aerial (actually, 10 watts output). Third-party traffic, although not legally allowed, is tolerated. There are about 115 licensed amateurs in India, of which about 25 are active on the air. The I.R.A.L. has a membership of about 300. *Kenya*: The contest held by the Radio Society of East Africa early last year was won by R. J. Fittall of Nairobi, the runner-up being D. C. Hardinge, also of Nairobi. *Norway*: At the annual general meeting of the N.R.R.L. the following new members of the board were elected: President, Bjarne Barkbu, LA4A; vice-president, Ahlert Horn, LA2Q; secretary, O. Johannesen, LA4K; members, A. Nybro, LA3I, and Chr. Becker, LA3J; alternates, G. H. Petersen, LA1D, and B. Th. Fjeld, LA1Y. *Rhodesia*: R. A. Jubbs, ZE1JN, writes: "The regulations over here are stiff but excellent; 50 watts is the limit to the final amplifier; crystal control is compulsory on the 14- and 7-mc. bands; all the amateur bands are available; key filters compulsory; overmodulation is illegal and numerous other items which are for the benefit of the BCL as well as giving all of us a fair share of the band to work in.

"ZE1JV, ZE1JX and ZE1JC are all QRP, not more than ten watts input is used by any of these stations. ZE1JM, ZE1JN, ZE1JO, ZE1JS, ZE1JT, ZE1JY, and in a few weeks ZE1JJ, can all be considered in the 40-watt class. All of them use two type 46 tubes in their final amplifiers; some use push-pull, some don't, but although the crystal oscillators and frequency doublers are of various design, the tube used in the finals of all these stations is the good old 46. The 802's ordered ten months ago have not arrived in this country

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# OPERATING NEWS



Conducted by the Communications Department

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ACTIVITY REPORTS were "up" this month and general amateur operating in all fields near the seasonal peak for the year. Traffic figures were bettered due to holiday traffic and to the A.A.R.S. traffic contest in which there was a high degree of amateur interest. New plans for spot frequency nets are announced for Central California, and in the Wisconsin and Washington Sections. The Virginia Net frequency has been changed to 3650 kc.

The "DX" fraternity looks forward to the annual A.R.R.L. tests as a high point of the season, and we are glad to say that W6CUH predicts fine DX conditions for the dates announced. He has been keeping a cyclical record of ups and downs in the DX conditions for the last several months. The "quota" plan (for W/VE participants only) which developed from the published letters of W4EG, W5NW, W0FM, etc., will have its first test in this year's A.R.R.L. DX Competition. Depending on the majority reaction of participants to this feature this may be stiffened, or relaxed, or eliminated altogether in the future. All comments are carefully analyzed each year so the generally desired trends may be written into future rules of all activities. As always, the amateurs of each country or A.R.R.L. Section compete directly only with hams of their immediate Section, where conditions for making an Award are substantially the same. The Rules for a given locality apply in the same way to everybody insuring fairness to each who takes part. Good operating fun and DX are always available in our March tests. We hope all readers will take part and get their share. All reports, large and small, and your general remarks on "the best thing" and "the worst thing" that happened in the Contest will be appreciated.

Interest in W.A.S. achievement is extremely high. Many report needing but a few more cards to qualify for the certificate. A few hours working on almost any band and you find stations looking for their additional states for W.A.S. In *Marin Amateur's QSA-5* W6BJM says (about W.A.S.), "It stimulates continental QSOs where consistent communication may be held, and anybody holding it will at least have worked a few stations. . . . Probably one or two WAC's will find they can't qualify, and will suddenly take a new interest in signals beginning with 'W.' Methinks it is a far more worthy goal than WAC, if one must have an alphabetical ultimate. It is just possible it will revive the ancient practice of QSL. . . ." A lot of us find that after all we can't locate the card we just knew we had from a contact made some time ago with far away Nevada or Vermont. Well, establishing a new contact there *right away* and getting that necessary acknowledgment to submit under W.A.S. rulings makes an interesting problem that adds point to our time spent on the air. Perhaps it encourages us to build crystal-switching or band-switching into the "heap." At any rate it sharpens our perceptions in tuning the band over in looking for the elusive station, and therefore makes us better equipped to tackle a particular communication job (of locating stations and getting them to answer) when a wire tie-up or flood emergency develops unexpectedly one of these fine days. A.R.R.L. members are bonded together in an organization dedicated among other things to the *maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct*. It is entirely in keeping with that purpose that we devote regular time conversing by amateur radio with each other over this whole great country; that we cement the bond of friendship by exchanging some memento or record of our contact. The time-honored QSL-card is perhaps the most simple and practical means of swapping this additional token of a new or renewed radio friendship, giving equipment details and data

on the signal for purposes of record that may have great value. Many old-timers (along with amateurs boasting brand-new tickets) find it again a heart-warming experience to greet the mailman with outstretched hand for the hammy tokens of the amateur brotherhood that also serve as stepping stones to W.A.S.

## QSL—QSP ALWAYS

Familiar slogans, those! Many a card has carried one or both. The feeling behind the words is really indicative, we think, of the true spirit of amateur brotherhood. The marks are those of fraternity and equality. Are you, brother ham, always ready to QSP or QSL? Will you always do your best to take a message and put it through for your brother amateur, or for the public welfare? Do you know A.R.R.L. message form? How to check a message? Will you take a moment to talk to your brother ham, or help him test his transmitter or is yours one of those "robot stations" they tell about! Will you slow down for the man who says, "QRS"? Are you tolerant and understanding of other big branches of amateur radio beyond your own special interests? DO you always come through with a card (QSL) when requested? In short are you a good fraternity brother? Can you be *dependent* on in every day hamming or in a pinch? Long may the slogans live. Much more can be said on "real fraternalism" as applied to our amateur radio. It is all brought to mind by those excellent expressions that say so much! QSL—QSP ALWAYS.

—F. E. H.

## W.A.S.

Complete rules for membership in the new Worked All States Club appeared on page 33, January QST. Attention is called to Rule 2, which reads, "Contacts with all forty-eight states must be made from the same location." The "same location" has been defined so as to permit normal moving about of amateurs within one general locality. No two street addresses where your radio work (represented in letters or QSL-card acknowledgments from the 48 states) has been accomplished can be more than 25 miles apart and count for W.A.S. Club membership.

Have you checked up on your contacts and QSL's to see how you place towards WAS? The list of Charter Members will appear in April QST. Will *your* call be among them? Send in your cards NOW!

Does anybody need NEVADA for WAS?!! W6BIC, Nevada SCM, advises that W6BTJ, W6LOD, W6KBZ, W6MVP and W6AJP (all Nevada stations) are trying for WAS on 3.5 mc. every morning from 1:30 a.m. PST on. Here are the frequencies of several Nevada stations: W6UO 3846.2 kc., W6KVQ 7150, W6GGO 3658, W6AJP 3658, W6LCJ 14,032 and 14,224, W6BTJ 3658, W6BIC 3546 c.w. and 3924 and 3960 'phone.

New England Division Director Bailey, W1KH, suggests a W.A.S.B.N.C. Club (Worked All States But No Cards)! He says the club symbol would be a LYRE!!

A message recently received following the announcement of the WAS Club reads as follows: "Please issue me a WABTSARCASBNC certificate." Investigations with the aid of our chief cryptographer disclosed that the mysterious letters stand for "Worked All But Three States And Received Cards From All States But Nine Club"!!! How do you stand? Hi!

## OBSERVERS' HONOR ROLL

### Cairo Commercial Occupancy Survey

6000-8000 kcs.

W1GTN	W3DRO	Jas. C. Hayes	W5NW
W1DTZ	W6AF	Ed Hutchinson	W6AKI
W1EZW	W7AAN-DRF	W. S. Jackson, Jr.	W6BUZ
W1IEG	W9DIB	W1ASB	W6CLY
W1IQF	VE3AHK	W1BDI	W7CJN
W1HRC	W1ABG	W1BNL	W7FDZ
W1DDY	W1IDH	W1DSZ	W8CNZ
W6JVH-7	W1IKC	W1FAH	W8HGG
W8NQ	W1IRJ	W1JLJ	W8IGQ
VE3GG	W1JAC	W1JZL	W8ISK
W3FCQ	W1JGY	W1JBQ	W8KPL
W. R. Faries	W1MK	W1JLH	W8LVH
W1BGJ	W2HLK	W2CFZ	W8OIC
W1HEH	W2HYK	W2DWW	W9ASZ
W1HLR	W3EZ	W2GTA	W9CVL
W3CWE	W5CVO	W2FPJ	W9DCM
W6RB	W6DFO	W2IXQ	W9LDH
W9GPL	W7ALH	W3ALB	W9LHV
W9SXL	W7CHV	W3BES	W9NPY
W3EQP	W8CIK	W3DMQ	W9NXG
W4CYV	W8KNT	W3FHS	W9RTD
W7DYH	W9DOU	W3FLD	ZL2OD
W9EFK	W9HQT	W4DNA	H. Balter
W1BLV	W9MGN	W5AIR	D. R. Bittner
W1IOA-3	VE4UN	W5DWW	W. Kopecky
W2HNX	VO1C	W5ESP	H. Kuper

4000-4500 kcs.

W3EQP	W1IPU	W1BDI	W9CVL
H. Kuper	W1IZO	W1BNL	W9GPL
W1AFO	W1JAC	W2CFZ	VE3BZ
W1AXS	W1JCN	W2HLK	VE3GG
W1CAB	W7COH	W6AKI	Russell Green
W1GTS	W1ABG	W7FDZ	Jas. C. Hayes

Director Groves suggested it, the Cairo Committee approves, and we are happy to present above the Honor Roll of amateurs who have submitted reports and are continuing to submit logs of "commercial occupancy" in the Cairo Preparatory Survey. These are men who are doing something more than "talk about" more frequencies. They are amateurs who are giving unselfishly of their time that your amateur representatives at Cairo and the conferences that precede it may be provided with vital facts, knowledge and practical information, with which to work in our common interest.

The above Honor Roll includes all Cairo survey work reported to A.R.R.L. Headquarters to date. The listing of calls or names has been made as closely in the order of the volume of survey work performed by each individual as possible. Starting in April *QST* a monthly Honor Roll will be published.



Are you doing your part? Every true amateur should be in on this effort and able, with these Observers, to wear the special A.R.R.L. button (3/4 inch size) which is restricted to those who actually submit logs. Note also the announcement elsewhere in this issue of a silver plaque award for the most valuable and consistent individual observing effort between March 1, 1936 and the same date in 1937.

The Cairo survey blanks are available to every W or VE ham who wants more frequencies for operating work and is willing to put in some time making observations in the 4000-4500 kc. or 6000-8000 kc. range. Any receiver with a beat oscillator that will cover these ranges or even a substantial part of one range, can be used. A card or message will bring you details.

## 56-mc. DX Contest

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club "56-mc. International Contest" is getting under way. If you missed the announcement, see January *QST*, page 27, and start reporting weekly to assure yourself credit towards the beautiful 16-inch loving cup!

W9NPS has a transmitter on "five," crystal-controlled using a pair of '52's, input about 400 watts. He is on daily in the morning and in the late afternoon and evening. W6HJN (San Francisco) reports his activity centers on making field strength tests on beam radiators at the moment.

W9NY and W9GHN are getting on "5" and are building a suitable receiver to pull in DX signals. They suggest that the gang sending DX tests on 56 mc. use or concentrate on the 56-56.5 mc. part of the band. Also they request local 'phones everywhere to kindly refrain from using this part of the band for duplex or local rag chewing.

It is suggested that all 56-mc. hams drop a line to W9NY or W9RH in Milwaukee to line up some schedules for transmitting and listening, since these will doubtless develop into the first DX contacts to be reported towards this M.R.A.C.-A.R.R.L. Cup Award.

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Each year the Adaman Club of Colorado climbs Pike's Peak, regardless of weather, and as the New Year breaks, sets off fireworks. The Pike's Peak Amateur Radio Association members have worked with Joe Rohrer, W9EYN (of KOA), in experimental work leading up to a broadcast of the event this year. While the broadcast was being put on, the amateur members of the party, W9GLI, Archie Haase, and W9LFJ, Tom Roark, were operating the five-meter rig handling the Adaman communication with the Springs. In addition, they were testing for possible contacts with Denver, 75 miles away, and finally hooked up for a short two-way QSO with W9DSB of Denver. The boys on the Peak also heard W9ESA and W9GBQ, both of Denver. In Denver, the Peak outfit was heard by W9DSB, W9ESA, W9FCK, W9VXX, W9MBF, and W9FA and W9FXM, who were at W9DSB's place. This success marks the culmination of three years of effort toward this end, and has hopped interest up to fever heat.

Next objective . . . signals between Denver and the Springs, straight over the Palmer Lake Ridge! We are putting a 200-watt Class B modulated set here next week with a beam toward Denver. W9NY has started something, and I can think of nothing to give me more pleasure than a five-meter QSO with him from here one day.

W9KNZ's transceiver on the Peak (27 pounds) utilized a 49-30-19 and another 30. A telescoping aluminum quarter-wave rod antenna, 4 feet 1 inch long, worked against the operator's body as ground. Input to the oscillator was 2 1/2 watts from B batteries. We had a chance for a real study of conditions. We have had five trips up this peak and on all, conspicuous fading. When signals were weak at one point, they would be strong at another, and steady contact with the expedition was only maintained through our having several points here in town. The signals in Denver, 75 miles away, were generally better than they were in the Springs, only about 14 miles away. Contacts with the Peak were maintained from W9HDU's after 7 p.m. and the signal strength varied several times through fading cycles during which it rose to R-8 and sunk to barely readable.

The old standbys here have been W9ESA, W9GBQ, in Denver, and W9HDU, W9NRZ and W9KNZ in the Springs. These few have stuck to five-meter work consistently. Data collected on more than a dozen fruitless trips up the Peak will now be put to use in a concerted effort to break down the Palmer Lake Ridge barrier between the two towns. This is our first milestone toward our ultimate objective, five-meter DX. The better part of next year will be spent on high-power five-meter work. The location is most strategic, both from the standpoint of advantages and difficulties. If we fellows are to get most fun out of it, we've GOT to make it a DX band. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS YEAR. (COME ON, MILWAUKEE! Hi.)

—W9KNZ

## Winter Brings Emergencies! QRV?

By Benton White, W4PL \*

It is reversing the usual order to have an ice storm in Central Georgia. \$2,000,000 worth of damage was reported in Atlanta alone. Trees, wires and poles crashed. For several days the only power available was from a few underground cables. The writer, 125 miles north of Atlanta, was icebound for five days. In spite of feeder lines and antennas carrying loads of an inch or two of ice, amateurs were on the job to cover the existing communications emergency. Mr. White tells of the work of Monroe hams who with customary modesty he says, have not told the story themselves.

—EDITOR

MONROE, Ga., is a pleasant county seat of some 5000 population, situated on Highway No. 10, fifty miles east of Atlanta.

On the night of December 29th when the last wire and cable into town, swollen to the size of a baseball bat by its ever increasing coat of ice, snapped and fell, the distracted telephone co. remembered W4APX and sent a car hurrying to his home, two miles out of town. Could he move his station to the city? Could he establish communication with the outside world? Yes, he thought he could, and he was certainly game to try.

Half a mile back towards town and the car went into the ditch. Brother Hams, did you ever, at the graveyard hour of 3 a.m., set out to carry a regular—not a portable—transmitter, a power supply and a receiver for a mile and a half along a road that approximated a solid sheet of ice, a road so slippery that four chains couldn't hold a car on it? In a driving mixture of rain and sleet that froze instantly to everything it touched? Did you ever try to put up an emergency antenna in the dark with every tree, post, roof and window ledge sheathed in slippery ice? Well, W4APX, assisted by W4DOH and W4BAG, did all of this, and he was on the air and had outside contact established by 5 a.m.

Eighty meter c.w. was used and the set-up was made on the second floor of the Court House. The first antenna was a piece of insulated wire tied between two trees in the Court House yard, as high up as a man could reach in the slippery darkness. No insulators were available and the feeders went out the window and down to the flat top!

Indoor antennas were later tried, and the one that ran from the jury box to the clerk's office and down the hall worked better than the one that was tied to the judge's chair and went, via the sheriff's room, to the clerk and master's office. But the outside antenna, raised to twelve feet, got the best reports and was in at the end.

Message blanks were left at the hotels, post office, telephone and telegraph offices, and drug stores. Regular collections were made and for three days W4APX and W4DOH, one or the other on duty hourly, kept 5000 people in touch with the outside world.

The traffic file presents a queer cross-section of human affairs. Here is one from one of the commercial communication companies: "All lines out at midnight . . . ice getting heavier . . . rush crew cable men and 50 pairs cables." Stern stuff, that one, and the receiving station must hurry it to its destination by radio, or Western Union, or long distance or what have you, and hang the expense.

Well, well; over in Augusta somebody must have been tossing a notable New Year's party, for here are a whole bunch of "regrets" from Monroe's fairest. ". . . roads impassable . . . can't come . . . simply desolated . . . had a new dress and a permanent too . . . etc."

Some were sent from stranded auto tourists en route to Florida. What they think of the Sunny South can't be put on the radio, but their friends ahead and behind are going to be mighty glad to know why they haven't shown up, and that they are not lying unidentified in some hospital.

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Does this one sound like it originated in central Georgia, where snow is almost a novelty? ". . . and my roof has caved in from the weight of ice." Most incongruously it ends with "Happy New Year." . . . Sure sounds like he was having it.

Here is one to wipe the smile off your face, a pitifully anxious inquiry as to the condition of two emergency cases in one of Atlanta's big hospitals. Got an answer to that one . . . both patients doing well.

Here is one from a preacher who regrets that he cannot officiate at a wedding: ". . . roads a solid sheet of ice . . . get some other minister," he says. Well, that's not as bad as if the groom hadn't shown up.

And here are four YLS who, probably with much less regret, advise the dean of women that they will be late returning to school.

And whadda you know about this one! A young buck from Atlanta and his YL out for a little spin, and here they are in Monroe with the engine frozen under the hood, and the wheels frozen to the ground. From his anxiety to contact Atlanta we judge that his YL's OM must own the biggest shotgun in the state of Georgia.

It is the holiday season and lots of movement, and suddenly everything is halted, and communication is gone. In



W4PL IN THE "SUNNY SOUTH"

the town are travellers caught enroute; local people who have planned to go somewhere—and can't; people expecting visitors—who ought not now try to come; matters of health and business and pleasure at loose ends. All are served by the magic of coil and condenser and vacuum tube, plus the spirit and training of the amateur.

*If opportunity—and emergency—knocks at your door at 3 a.m. some morning, can you do as good a job? Have you a transmitter that you can move with reasonable ease, or is it portable by Mack Truck only? Do you know the standard form and procedure for handling traffic? Do you know the Q signals and the abbreviations in ordinary use that will help the operator at the other end, straining his ears at weak and wavering signals, to make perfect copy?*

If so, fine!! If not, then NOW is the best time to prepare!

### World's Largest Ham?

W9TLQ, 327 lbs., president of the 1.75-mc. "Eighth of a Ton Club," is suggested as the "world's largest ham." Any competition? W9ONR, 280 lbs., is vice-president of the club, and there are several "scrub-team" members (those between 200-250 lbs.), namely W9PEH, W9SRO, W9AAJ, W9LXL and WSKKH.

Skip is often responsible for unusual routing of DX traffic. Here's an example: A message from ZS6AM to W2EDW traveled ZS6AM-W8AZI-W6LFL-W2CTO-W2EDW. The reply was routed through W2CTO-W6LFL-W8AZI-W3CHG-ZS6AM.

Mr. Campbell's article wins the C.D. article contest prize for this month. Each month we print the most interesting and valuable article submitted in connection with the article-contest. Contributions may be on any phase of amateur operating or communication activity which adds constructively to amateur organization work. Contributions should run about 500 words. Prize winners may select a 1936 Handbook, six logs, six message files, six pads blank, or equivalent credit toward a combination of A.R.R.L. supplies. Let's have your article. Mark it "for the C.D. contest," please.

—F. B. H.

## CQ DX, or Duck Soup for All

By M. R. Campbell, VK3MR\* via W2GOX

I READ with interest VE3IG's letter, "CQ DX," in *QST*, November, 1934, and a reply by W6YL in *QST*, February, 1935.

Having managed to sneak in a few DX contacts between "W" QSO's, am in a position to offer a few remarks and a suggestion or two on this DX racket. VE3IG remarked, "what is duck soup for one ham, may be poison for another," but this is duck soup for all who may need it.

VE3IG claims that he gets more DX by calling "CQ DX", while G6YL gets hers by calling the DX stations. G6YL mentioned the number of countries she had worked with her method with 8 to 10 watts, and our friend from VE went into a lot of mathematical calculations to prove his system. My own system is a combination of both with special regard to the position on the band, which is most important and depends on whether you are calling "CQ" or an individual station. There are a few chaps in locations that are not the best for DX and, again, there are many in excellent positions but do not take advantage of it.

Before there is any desire to work DX, one has to hear it, which necessitates a good receiver and the ability to handle it under all conditions and also to understand conditions. Also you have to know the capabilities of the antenna, and realize its strong and weak points, regarding radiation pattern, etc. Then again, you have to see that the transmitter is delivering the maximum amount of RF to the antenna via the feeders. If you can say "Yes" to these questions, the working of DX becomes quite simple, providing certain things are kept in mind.

You will often notice that some hams can work DX in fine style and get big reports up to R-8/9 from countries many thousands of miles away and another chap, a few miles away, with less power, may get only R-4/6 from these same stations, but when it comes to a DX Test, the low power man romps home; not because he is in a better location. It's simply because he has what we might call "Radio DX Sense," and can be likened to road sense in motor car driving. That little something called "judgment," that makes some people stand out from the rest. This judgment can not be taught. It can only be acquired by experience, the time taken depending on the individual.

Here is some good advice. There is no reason why anyone should call long CQ's. Every ham knows what CQ means. When he hears it, he wants to know who is calling. Is it a DX station or a local in the skip? If it's DX that he wants to work, he will hang on to the signal and try his luck when the call has finished, even if it's a long call.

So much for the chap listening to you. For your own gain, you want to tell the world you're on the air calling "CQ" and desiring a QSO with some distant ham and that distant ham is the chap mentioned above. So cut out the long CQ's. Send as follows—it's good practice: "CQ CQ CQ DX de XYZ, CQ CQ CQ DX de XYZ" for one, two or three minutes, depending on circumstances, and sign off with your own call three times. Long CQ's and long calls make the average ham mutter rude things in his beard.

If your frequency is near the HF end of the band, always tune from that end and the same applies to the LF end. If you are exactly in the middle of the band, tune from the LF end, and if a few Kcs. higher in frequency than the middle of the band, tune from the HF end. If this practice was used

by all hams, there would be less use for head-ache powders.

It's quite a simple matter to sit in a conspicuous place in the band and call "CQ DX" for ten minutes and then listen to see how many stations are calling you. With this method, you will work a lot of DX in a long time. This method is OK for stations in other countries during "W" tests. The idea is to work a lot of DX different countries in a short time, and that can be done by listening more and calling the DX stations. It's not much use calling these stations if you don't take into consideration your position in the band, with respect to the station you intend to call.

The whole secret is to put your signal under the nose of this DX station so he will hear you as soon as he starts to tune down or up the band, whichever the case may be. If he always tunes from the end that his signal is on, it's a simple matter. Even if you find that he tunes from the other end, you simply QSY there and if you can't get him and others are, it's ten to one you're not getting there or your signals are being QRM'd. If you are not getting there, and you can work stations just as far or farther in other directions, it seems to indicate that your antenna is not good for that direction.

While on the subject, I'd like to say that it's the antenna that gets you there. Power helps once your antenna has put your signals over. There are three kinds of antennas. One that puts the signals with a bang to that DX station; one that just gets you there, and the other that doesn't. Under good conditions, the third antenna may get there but under real bad conditions, it's the first antenna that does the trick.

Another point that saves time and headaches is to use judgment when calling a station. If the station being called tunes from the HF end or the LF end and your frequency is about 2 kc. in from the edge, don't call for five minutes. Two or three calls will be OK. The farther you are in from the edge, the longer you should call—but use judgment.

I will finish here with a true yarn regarding the above. During the last "W" tests, using 7285 kc., I called CQ and worked W9FM. He called me twice, snapped over and received his number OK, listened again and heard a hopeful W just finishing calling me on the same CQ.

## DX Notes

AT 6:30 a.m. P.S.T., December 23rd, W6LHZ worked YN1AA, who said it was his first W6 contact. W6GPQ reports SU5NK, Cairo, coming through remarkably well, 14,280, T9X; others heard at GPQ—FB8AA (old FB8IA) 14,315, T9X, FB8AB (old FB8C) about 14,280, n.d.c. I1WW 14,320-14,295, n.d.c. W1GJQ worked VU7FY on November 21st, '35, at 7:45 a.m., thereby beating W1DZE, who worked 7FY on December 3rd. The QSO made W1GJQ W.B.E. On December 17th W6GAL snagged what he calls "a honey": CL3AC, 14,380 kc., chirpy d.c. (self-excited); QTH was given as Timor. GAL is wondering if this is the first W/Timor contact. Has anyone any information?

W4DRZ, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., reports 7 mc. hot for DX during December. Among the consistent signals he lists: Between 6:00-9:00 a.m. E.S.T.: K6CJG, 7100; K6MTE, 7120. Between 6:00-8:00 a.m. E.S.T.: VK2SS, 7100; VK5MK, 7080; VK6KB, 7110; KA1HR, 7100. Between 5:00-9:00 p.m. E.S.T.: EA7AV, 7105; EA4AB, 7120. Between 7:00-9:00 p.m. E.S.T.: EA8AF, 7090; FT4AA, 7105. Between 5:00-8:00 p.m. E.S.T.: SP1FI, 7115. All these stations average S6 or better. W2AIW QSOed J2KJ (7070 kc.) on January 24th, 4:50 p.m. E.S.T.; he received S7; J2KJ was S6. W4CEN, North Carolina, lists some more or less rare ones in the "Tarheel Ham," which we reproduce here: EA8AL, 7130 kc., 9 p.m.; EA8AF, 7100, 9:25 p.m.; LU5CZ, 7150, 12:40 a.m.; SP1DE, 7025, 9:40 p.m.; SP1IA, 7040, 10:35 p.m.; YR5NP, 7140, 1:40 a.m.; HJ4ABG, 7150, 9:05 p.m.; YM4AA, 7035, 2:10 a.m.; LU1AD, 7170, 12:25 a.m.; SP1FI, 7150, 11:05 p.m.; CP1AC, 14,380, 5:50 p.m.; ZS6AM, 14,360, 4:50 p.m. These were all worked or heard during December.

A battle royal is in progress for the presidency of the "210 DX Club" between W8DVS, W8BSF and W8DWV. W8DWV holds the honor at present with 89 countries to his credit with his "10s. The club now has members in all districts except W2 and W7. ON4CC reports that ON4AC has

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# BRASS POUNDERS' LEAGUE

(December 16th-January 15th)

Call	Orig.	Del.	Rel.	Total	Call	Orig.	Del.	Rel.	Total
W8FLA	2000	14	3000	5014	W1MK	106	220	447	773
W1FPL	176	384	4401	4961	W6CXK	395	375	2	772
W2BCX	129	64	4489	4682	W8GQP	91	79	599	769
W3OK	1071	92	1794	2957	W3BZP	130	142	490	762
W8MOT	262	52	2409	2723	W3EBP	22	26	675	723
W2EGF	150	69	1975	2194	W8EFA	74	20	619	713
W1ICS	524	132	1508	2184	W1JFS	115	44	536	695
W8GUF	208	163	1801	2172	KA1EE	142	24	524	690
W3EOP	234	123	1656	2013	W1CKV	248	98	306	652
W8JE	888	119	748	1755	W8BPU	54	202	393	649
W8ADY	66	50	1598	1714	W9AZR	—	—	638	638
W1JDF	817	196	676	1689	W3FBM	2	5	616	623
W9LEZ	100	68	1291	1459	W3DXA	225	187	208	620
W9JID	—	—	1408	1408	W3BWT	127	101	392	620
W1AKS	270	121	974	1365	W9HUO	29	7	576	612
W2GGE	47	67	1245	1359	W9POB	178	36	396	610
W3EFM	91	14	1222	1327	W2HBQ	115	33	462	610
W9ESA	42	140	1118	1300	W9OUD	79	39	476	594
W9ALJ	180	102	1002	1284	W9OLG	50	10	530	590
W5MN	211	520	547	1278	W9JFJ	133	109	345	587
W1IP	26	43	1196	1265	W6CDU	120	494	68	582
W8JTT	77	115	1056	1248	W9RIZ	31	32	512	575
W5CEZ	265	189	830	1274	W9HJC	—	—	575	575
W1ZQ	19	236	922	1177	W9KZL	101	106	353	559
W6CUU	139	289	706	1134	W8OQG	23	34	502	559
W8ANT	31	56	1040	1127	W8KWA	11	75	470	556
W9PAM	51	35	1015	1101	W2HBS	33	68	454	555
W2BCO	61	107	914	1082	W8LSP	62	32	456	551
W1TEG	8	100	963	1071	W8CIO	2	57	487	547
W4IR	23	152	880	1055	W2HZJ	187	133	226	546
W9KG	72	208	746	1026	VE3QK	38	66	438	542
W9FLG	33	115	840	988	W3ZI	139	114	288	541
W1TY	38	60	964	962	W6LUD	42	28	490	540
W1JB	700	148	104	952	W6JTV	37	61	437	535
K6NDH	399	176	292	867	W2GAS	135	41	356	532
K1LG	255	323	280	858	KALDS	118	62	350	530
K6FKB	210	190	456	856	W9ALJ*	78	42	406	526
W2GGW	56	80	720	856	VE3ABW	78	93	353	524
W7GTN	61	94	692	847	W1BVP	5	36	478	519
W3PTE	30	33	772	835	W3ADM	2	30	487	519
W1HWE	226	116	484	826	W3CDG	288	41	180	509
W8MQX	196	200	422	818	W3APV	48	24	436	508
W8BMC	20	43	749	812	W3VE	90	85	332	507
W9LCX	122	56	602	780	W3BYA**	23	34	448	505

## MORE-THAN-ONE-OPERATOR STATIONS

Call	Orig.	Del.	Rel.	Total
WBNT	628	1422	2031	4081
W3SN	1380	521	1601	3512
KAIHR	1295	740	1032	3067
W3EQU	811	217	1334	2362
W1DCW	—	4	1527	1531
W3CXL	37	45	763	845
W4BBV	61	27	454	542
W4ABS	300	175	63	538

These stations "make" the B.P.L. with totals of 500 or over. Many "rate" extra credit for one hundred or more deliveries. The following one-operator stations make the B.P.L. for *delivering 100 or more messages*; the number of deliveries is as follows: Deliveries count!

W1FFZ, 220	W1EFE, 191	W7APS, 107
W1GHT, 211	W1BFT, 155	W9KJY, 104
W1FIO, 210	W1AQW, 150	W5AMT, 103
W6GHD, 210	W5BXA, 128	W2GVZ, 102
	W5ZD, 117	

## A.A.R.S. STATIONS

Call	Orig.	Del.	Rel.	Total
WLQA (W3OK)	—	—	1835	1835
WLVB (W6BMC)	14	35	1658	1707
WLQT	62	4	1322	1388
WLMI (W6GXM)	135	370	810	1315
WLNF (W2BCX)	60	14	1002	1076
WLUD (W9LEZ)	37	19	506	661
WLMF (W5EEW)	25	34	468	527
WLTJ (W9DDE)	72	91	344	507

A total of 500 or more, or just 100 or more deliveries will put you in line for a place in the B.P.L.

\* November-December.

\*\* October-November.

gone to Persia, where he will stay several months. It is expected that he will be on the air while there, so watch for a "new one"! As proof that DX can be worked consistently with moderate power, W8MAH submits the following statistics for his station for the year 1935: Power input to final—100 watts; foreign QSO's (excluding VE)—584; different foreign stations worked—385; WAC—once; countries worked—68; frequency bands used—28, 14, 7 and 3.5 mc.

In connection with the silent period observed on Sunday, January 26th, by British Empire stations in respect to the memory of the late King George, R.S.G.B. sent a message to A.R.R.L. advising of same so that word could be passed along. This message arrived at A.R.R.L. Hq. from several different sources, namely: By mail from W2CTC, who received from G6NJ; W2DVV, who received from G6VP; W1AQH, who received from G2TM; W8LEC, who received from G6WY; and W1DTJ.

W2CTC (ex-OH6AXW) reported on January 23rd that during the past month he had made about 250 foreign contacts in 33 countries and all continents! W9KA has been working a few of the rare ones: CPIAC, Bolivia; ZP2AC, Paraguay; YN1AA, Nicaragua; HJD2, Colombia; K7UA, Alaska; all 14 mc. He worked J2LL recently at 0200 G.T.

Inside of one hour W6GAL had two very FB contacts with VQ8AC and VQ8AF in Mauritius. He maintained daily schedule with VQ8AC. VQ8AF is "screechy d.c." about 14,350 kc., VQ8AC either 14,360 or 14,270, also a "screechy" note. The best times for west coast VQ8 contacts seems to be around 1800 G.T., reports 6GAL. GAL also says that TG1AF, broad r.a.c., 7015 kc., has been coming through lately. VU7FY, 14,386, and VU2CQ, 14,300, are consistent every morning from 7:15 to about 9:00 a.m., says W2AIW. His first contact with VU7FY made him WAC after more than 13 years on the air. W8BKP lists a few frequencies: SP1IH, 7150; YR5NP, T6, 7125; FB8AA, T9, 14,300; FM8D, T9, 14,280; SM5WZ, T8, 7200; OK1ZB, T9, 7150; SU1SS, T8, 14,350; CE4AD, T7, 14,400. W8BKP reports QSO with FQ8VB, January 4th, 3 a.m., 7 mc.

W1DUJ, Warren, Maine, sends some interesting items: Van, operator of NY1AB fame, is now working under call of W6GCX at Long Beach, Calif. ZS1AH is the chief of the Capetown Fire Department (according to ZS1AL). On January 25th, W1DUJ heard, identified, called and worked VK2RB, Sydney, a 'phone station. It is believed to be the

first Maine-VK 'phone contact. On January 26th, 1DUJ worked VK5LB, who changed to 'phone after contact was established, with fair results. The VK2RB QSO was most satisfactory, his 'phone being S7, readability 3-4, at W1DUJ. SN3A was logged at 2:27 a.m., January 28th, about 14,375 kc. W1DUJ reports a schedule with J3CR on about 14,300 kc. every evening at 0100 G. T. K4DRN, Virgin Islands, can be heard nearly every evening at about 5 p.m. E.S.T., near 14,350 kc. Next DX station hooked by DUJ after finishing with J3CR one night was CE3CR. Hi. Signals from LU, CE, K5, ZL, ZT6 may be heard on 14 mc. between 11:30 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. E.S.T. for about two weeks of each month. W1DUJ has also heard K6, ZB1, ZE1 and several Europeans at this time.

The usual quota of "ship QSO's" and "ships heard" are reported this month. W1DUJ heard XESM, while off the Brazilian coast, near high frequency and of 14-mc. band. W9MLF worked GTCF, the S.S. *Thistle Glenn*, on January 12th, 2:48-3:18 a.m.; this ship was outside the high-frequency end of the 7-mc. band, very rough note. 9MLF inquires whether any other hams have worked GTCF, and if so, how to send QSL's. W6LCD reports QSO with XESM, off Mexican coast, a.c. note. W1GBD on January 26th at 7:45 a.m. logged a station signing NR2BO on the 3500-kc. band and working W7BSU. NR2BO said he was on a ship 60 miles from Eureka, Calif. Has anyone any dope on such a station?

W3BZP believes in "service to his fellow ham"; when he hears a good bit of DX he passes the dope along. Logging FA8IH RST 579 on 3545 kc. recently, he gave him a call, interspersing at regular intervals during the call FA8IH's frequency for the information of others who might be trying to locate him! FB. From the Fifth District W5EHM sends some notes: Heard January 2nd—AC1AN, T9, 14,300 kc.; ZD8A, T9, 14,325. Among others coming through on 14 mc. between noon and 4:00 p.m. he lists FB8AA, T9, 14,300; FM8D, T9, 14,300; ZS6AF, ZS1AL, ZT6W and ZS6AL. EHM reports 7 mc. hot in early January, the 7th being the best night. Among those heard were F8PK, D4NXX, F8NE, G6RV, ON4GU, G6JZ, G6UF, PA0ZP, SM7RV (ship in Caribbean Sea). SP1FI and SP1DE came through FB nightly during the Spanish tests. W2HHF sends some helpful dope: South Africans FB in afternoon from 2:00 to 6:00; frequencies: ZU6B, 14,380; ZS6AL, 14,360; ZS1D, 14,340; ZS1AH, ZUIT, 14,280; ZT6Y, 14,300. VK's FB from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.; HHF worked VK6GW, 5MD, 3MR, 3CN, 3RX, etc. VU2CQ coming through every morning about 9:00 on 14,265. T9. J2LL on 14,340 puts in FB signals; ZD8A (old VQSA) puts in S7-8 signal on 14,310; CP1AC, r.a.c., 14,390, is old W2CDA. W2HHF worked U2NE, 7060 kc., T9, at 2:00 a.m. E.S.T. Europe comes through well at that time. Others heard by HHF: CE3EL CE3CR, r.a.c., 14,390; XU3CU, T8, 8:00 p.m., 14,050; TF3AG, T9, 14,295, 9:00 a.m.; ZT1Z ZT1R ZS6Y ZT6AK ZT6Q also FB on 14 mc., EASAC 7045 kc.

W4BCR worked VS6AC, 14,300 kc., January 2nd, 7:45 a.m., and is looking for his QTH. He also worked OM2RX, January 7th, about 7140 kc.; U2NE, January 3rd, 7100 kc.; and VU2CQ on December 7th and 12th, 14,260 kc. W9JEQ reports that he worked ZU6P and ZL1AK at about 12:30 a.m. C.S.T., January 24th (14 mc.), an unusual time to hear either of those parts of the world. Conditions were not normal that night, ZL's and VK's were coming in along with ZS and ZUs, at the same time OK4AA was tearing in, all S8; every signal heard by W9JEQ was DX; it was like a "ham's dream," he says. W6GAL worked VU2BG on December 24th at 0130 G.T. (14,405 kc.), a very unusual night; at 8:00 p.m. P.S.T. the same night he worked FB8AB! To start the New Year right W6GAL snagged VQ4CRO at 1600 G.T., January 1st; he was T9, 14,130 kc., and it was his first W6 QSO. W6GAL has been hearing ES1C on 14,020 kc., r.a.c., self-exc., 6GAL worked SP1DE for his 80th country with his '10s!! He worked ON4CJJ, about 13,390 kc., T9, and reports best time for reception and QSO on the west coast from 2100 to 2200 G.T.

### O.B.S.

The following is a supplement to the list of A.R.R.L. Official Broadcasting Stations in November QST (page 60):

W1BFT, W21YH, W3VE, W4DHG, W5EEQ, W8LUD, W9RPA.

### 3873-Kc. Club

The 3873-kc. Club, or "73 Club" as it is more familiarly known, was organized a short time ago, and up to February 3rd numbers 63 hams. The purpose of the club is to bond together in "good fellowship" those c.w. amateurs operating between 3850-3900 kc., to make possible better friendships between telegraphing amateurs in that band, and to encourage better occupancy of the 3900-kc. end of the 3500-kc. band. The prime activity of the club is rag-chewing. There are no dues, nor any formality about meetings. All that is asked of members is that they operate between 3850-3900 kc. as much as possible, especially during club periods: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (local time) each night. If your frequency lies within the club band, you are invited to join. Call "CQ 73" to raise club members. Just drop a post card, or send a message to W8JTT, 124 Temple St., Fredonia, N. Y., requesting membership, giving your favorite nickname and a brief description of your transmitter. Dope on your occupation is appreciated also. For more information contact any of these club members: W1CJD CJZ CKD EZ GKM GME GVV HYF IMY IWC JHK QV TS UE W2AMN CCZ CGG EGF FTL HHY HNJ HYX HZY W3AKB BKZ EDC NF W5DNE W6FQU WSAIN BYM EUY GUF GWY HCS HKR JKG JQE JTT KWA LQC LWD MQX NJC NVJ NYY W9CCP KEI MZB PDE PSD PVZ SGP TIU VE3QK TM WX ZV WSKUN W9POB VESAEM W1AFB W8DLK.

A 7-mc. Club, similar to the 3873-kc. Club, has been previously reported in QST—The 7294-kc. Club. This club is also dedicated to "good fellowship," and rag-chewing is the major activity. Any ham operating between 7200 and 7300 kc. is eligible to membership. Meetings are held daily at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m., PST. The 7294-kc. Club now numbers close to 100 amateurs. For further details get in touch with W6ZX, 1821 Chestnut St., Berkeley, Calif.

## The A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps New Members

THE following have recently qualified for membership in the A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps: W1FL W2BLU W2HOC W2JDO W3CXL/WLM W4BTC W4BXL/BXM W4DSW W5EHK W6AZP W6BPU W6GTM W6IHK W7APN W8GWY W8HGG W8LAJ W8LLH W8MJJ W8NAW W8NCX W8OXI W9BSF W9CSJ W9GQN W9JQM W9KHC W9NQJ W9POB W9TYF W9URX W9PKB W9YNU XE1C VEZHE D.T.R.L. Radio Club (W9SAL); Holyoke (Mass.) Amateur Radio Club.

At this writing membership in the A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps totals 153. The Corps comprises those amateurs and amateur organizations possessing equipment (transmitter, receiver and auxiliary power) suitable for operation in an emergency when regular power and communication facilities are disrupted. All amateurs having such equipment are invited to enlist in the organization. Simply send a post card to the Communications Department, A.R.R.L., West Hartford, Conn., listing in detail what emergency gear you have, including data on what frequency bands it works, etc., and stating especially what form of auxiliary power is available. A membership card, which also serves as a card of introduction, is furnished every A.E.C. member. See page 59, November '35 QST for complete details.

### Briefs

The winter graduating class at the Benjamin Franklin High School, Los Angeles, has among its members five hams: W6KHZ, W6LHZ, W6LHY, W6LHW and W6MZA.

CLUBS! Many groups are getting started in earnest on an organized observing program in connection with the preparatory survey. You are cordially invited to drop a line to HQ for full information and details, and log forms for those of you members who will help. In the Northwestern Division

W. L. Miller, W7AAN, is doing an outstanding organizing job in the 8 mc. survey following out a 14-week program. In the Rhode Island Section, S. W. Atkinson, W1AFO, is progressing with a similarly successful 4-mc. survey.

### Beginners Net

W2IHT is establishing a net on the 3500-ke. band for beginners using low or moderate power and sending at a speed newcomers can copy. This net is to cover the Second District and parts of the First and Third Districts. The net is intended to stimulate an interest in traffic handling among new hams and to bond together those fellows who are just starting in the game. Further information communicate with W2IHT, 26 Pierpont St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### American Museum Expedition to New Guinea

Mr. Ewing Julstedt, W2IVN, is the radio operator of the American Museum of Natural History's Expedition to New Guinea. The purpose of the expedition is to collect specimens of birds, animals and plant life in a section of New Guinea hitherto unexplored. The expedition, consisting of a ground party and an air party, will be based at Daru, Papua, flying to Daru from Brisbane, a coastal trip of about 1500 miles. Several air trips are to be made over the territory to be explored, some of which is mountainous, ranging as high as 12,000 to 16,000 feet. The ground party is to be taken into the interior and left, with supplies to be furnished by the air party. The two groups will be kept in radio communication, the expedition having three complete transmitting sets.

KHAHX is the call assigned to the Fairchild amphibian plane. W2IVN advises that contact with amateur stations is contemplated from New Guinea. The party expects to be in that section for at least a year. Any amateur making contact with this expedition is requested to send details to A.R.R.L. for reporting in QST. Details of frequencies on which contact is established will be especially appreciated.

## Station Activities

### CANADA

#### MARITIME DIVISION

**MARITIME**—SCM, A. M. Crowell, VE1DQ—NOVA SCOTIA: VE1ER tops the list this month with the finest total in months, result of regular schedules well kept. GL, R.M. Bill Horne, says all who have not received the club circular re. the new nets, write in for copy giving complete address. HH has regular schedules with ER, GS and WESL. IV is on 3.5 and 7 mc. GB is active on 7 and 14 mc. EP and HG are trying 7 mc. for DX. New arrivals on 14-mc. 'phone: AW, AX, GR and ET. FO, GL and CP taking physical "jerks" at the "Y." FQ gets out well with his 1.75-mc. 'phone. BV and DW are on 3.9-mc. 'phone. HN is pleased with the results of his 'phone rig on 1.75 mc. BI will be on 3.9 mc. soon. CV is new man in Yarmouth. DN is remote-controlled—3.9-mc. 'phone, 3.5- and 7-mc. c.w. HJ is adding an 800. GV is QRL studies. CP rebuilt with metal tube in crystal stage. GC is going strong on 14 mc. IA is now located in Halifax with M.T. & T. IX and IL visited GL. GE has QSO'd 25 countries with his single '45. Following are working good DX on 28 mc.: DC, CO, EA and EH. CD is rebuilding Tri-tet. CE was transferred from Windsor to St. John, N. B. FE is crystal-controlled in 3.85-mc. 'phone band. EL has nice 3.9-mc. 'phone. GD is active on 3.9 mc. BT grid modulates 59's on 3.9-mc. 'phone. IM works lots of VE1's and 2's on 3.9-mc. c.w. DW, 8-watt 3.9-mc. 'phone, has new D.B. mike. HN gets out fine with his 5-watt 1.75-mc. 'phone. AR is installing crystal on 1.75 mc. IH is using series modulation and low power. HQ at Hebbville shows what can be done with '45's on 1.75-mc. 'phone. GR is going to install crystal for 14-mc. 'phone. EQ is rebuilding his 'phone. GK has new crystal rig. GF is new Truro ham. CU is new man in Yarmouth. FR is only active 3.5-mc. man in Summerside. P.E.I. AP is building super and rebuilding transmitter. BD and AF are rebuilding. BE is experimenting on 1.75-mc. 'phone. CV is back on 1.75 and 3.9 mc. again.

IU works plenty of "W's" on 3.5 mc. JB, North Minto, N. B., uses four '45's P.P. par. with 50 watts input on 3.5, 7 and 14 mc. GU blew his filter condensers. GN is still working on his 1.75-mc. 'phone. CJ (exGM) is QRL work. EC of the Radio Division R.C.M.P. has "cool" type antenna—one end attached to ice house. BL is getting out very well on 7 and 14 mc. BZ has been confined to bed with rheumatic fever. Very sorry, OM. HX is doing a bit of service work. EY has new rig—'47, 59, pair of '46's; he schedules W1AJS and is in line for O.R.S. It is our sad duty to record the deaths of two Maritime hams, VE1AO, who was electrocuted while at work on the transmitter at CFNB, and VE1IH, who was killed by a fall of rock in the mine at Joggins. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families. Newfoundland: VO4Y is first to work 28 mc. outside Newfoundland. 1G is new man with 30 watts to a '10 'phone and c.w. 1L is working "W's" in the wee hours of the a.m. on 3.5 mc. 1H is active on 7 mc. 1C has new Skyriider. 1P has '50—RK20 rig on 'phone and c.w. 1I, most outstanding VO 'phone, is now using remote control, working duplex 14-mc. 'phone with G5ML regularly. 1V, 3HM and 2Z are quite active. 1W is looking for bi-weekly schedules on Sundays-Weds. around midnight A.S.T. (attention, VE1GL). The Newfoundland Amateur Radio Association holds weekly meetings Monday nights at the homes of members. The committee elected on Nov. 11th was pres., VO1P; vice-pres., VO4Y; secy.-treas., VO1H. 1H is doing Cairo Survey work.

Traffic: VE1ER 189 GL 143 EA 1 HH 22 IV-GB 4.

#### ONTARIO DIVISION

**ONTARIO**—SCM, John V. Perdue, VE3QK—R.M.'s: 3GT, 3RK, 3GG, 3DU, 3WX, 3TM, 3QK, 38G. ABW makes Brasspounder's League. Congrats, Jeff! VD hints at interest in 7-mc. traffic schedules. JT continues to work fine DX on 3.5 mc.; a VO, three ZL's, three G's, an HB and a K7 are his boasts in the past month's operation. IB manages to handle some traffic along with keeping chummy with his cronies on the higher frequencies. GT is looking for schedules on 3503 kc. between 7 and 7:15 a.m. JT is charter-member No. 9 in W.A.S. Club. ZE can't even hear four states for W.A.S. and is bound for 28 mc. for another try. AU is heard on 3.9-mc. 'phone and is interested in O.P.S. ER while operating on 3.9- and 14-mc. 'phone handles some fine traffic. CG earns the orchids for arousing DW and the Mrs. to the point of honest-to-goodness schedules once more. Congrats to you, Ken! WK continues FB on the Great Lakes Route (3TM, 3DU, 3VZ, 3WK and 2BU), which seriously challenges T.L. "I" for Ontario Trunk supremacy. 9AL wants a truck and fourteen men to move his new rig into his shack. The Hamilton gang scoffs at those who say Tigertown is asleep with fourteen reporters. QB is back in harness again, as is KM, whom Mr. "X" terms as "the modulated power leak." VZ and AEM hold down good schedules. DO has forgotten the code. ADF is going higher in the power range along with QU. PO sticks to 28 mc. QE, TO and OJ are QRL work. AFV is QRT while QSYing to new QRA. DU, besides doing fine traffic business, snoops on the London gang and tells us that: ACO is going great guns on his new rig, GC and HZ are on 3.8-mc. 'phone most of the time and on 1.75-mc. 'phone he hears ADC and AEV gabbling along and that the 7-mc. band feels the presence of KC, PA and TN. . . . the Windsor gang was strengthened by the arrival of IK, who boasts of the latest design in ham shacks, and of ALL things, in Windsor's swellest hostelry. AHL and WA continue on 14 mc. AHE, CP, MY and ZV are all remodelling rigs. OH is heard occasionally from the sticks. AHN attended rummage sale at 9AG's and battled with the S.C.M. for items on the "free list." 9AG has gone Television on us in a big way when he and XA, FJ, FO and 9BW aren't guiding the destinies of CKLW and CRCW. Congrats to Ted and Bill, 9BW, on the arrival of Nancy Joy! TM plugs along with QK on TL "M" when not admiring his new license plates, which fairly scream "BY-88" and look pretty chummy alongside QK who has "BX-73"; RO and WJ fly "W-73" and "BY-73" respectively not to overlook WX who goes all one better with "7388"; all are members of the Essex County Brasspounder's League; and visit TM at 73 Talbot St., Leamington! MIM. And believe

it or not, all are members of the newly organized "73 Club" ... tie that one! NX is enjoying 3.8-mc. 'phone along with GO and BF. BZ is QRL. Cairo Survey work. FB, George! Wish we could say this about more of you. St. Thomas comes forth with a host of activity on 56 and 112 mc., the exponents of which are BM, ACK, NI who all watched 1935 do a "fadeout" in AFP's shack in a big way while HG pondered over how to acquire power for a pair of 211E's. From Kirkland Lakes comes a dandy letter authored by AGM who sees a pair '03A's ask questions that are answered through an HRO, and he tells us that AGG, who was VE2JH at one time, works FB DX on 7 mc. with 211D. that AFR runs up alleys and hides behind mine hoists when BCL's go on the rampage over his RK-20's, and all this time VN tries to dope out ways and means of holding the juice in his antenna condensers from a pair of '03A's and he, of course, would have to keep apace with a Comet Pro. AGI is after W.A.S. GG and ADP have a lot of fun trying to work each other on 'phone and keeping the dints out of Brass Hats when not handling a lion's share of Trans-Canadian Traffic. AA says that the "twin" business is kinda slow in Twin Falls; sorta Crumby, say we! PL is taking over RK's schedules and tells us that JI, MX and LC are Ottawa's 'phone delegates to the 3.8-mc. conference. Thanks for the host of reports, gang. Keep up the good work and the middle valve down so's we can continue going "round and 'round" other years of Ontario activity. 73. BCNU.

Traffic: VE3QK 542 ABW 524 GG 302 ER 142 TM 105 WX 77 AEM 75 WK 53 IB 42 DU 31 AU 24 CG 22 GT 8 VD 7 AGM-CP-ZE 5 AHE-QB 2 PL 1. VE3AL 37.

#### QUEBEC DIVISION

QUEBEC—SCM, Stan Comach, VE2EE—Winter activity is at its peak, blown-down antennas have been re-bung and the gang is on in full strength. To the newcomers, welcome. 2YL is a YL in old Quebec: LM has handled her first message. BU reports AX active again. AR is back in town. x2BO is also back in Montreal. DD is using a 211E final. IJ is tinkering around that '03A final. IQ can't decide what tubes to use. IY is on consistently, a hefty signal from low power. HF, HP, GD and ER are new 14-mc. 'phones. AB and EV are trying 28 mc. BO is thinking of a 14-mc. crystal to permit operation on 28 mc. LV is a newcomer, operating on three bands. JK is new O.R.S. EC is handling plenty of traffic. CO has rebuilt the transmitter. LQ is heard consistently from up North. Occasionally CU and GZ are heard. IO mistook a '47 for a '10, goodbye 47. GO has new transmitter. GM reports working a G6 on 7 mc. Our Hungarian Consul is HAF8B. HH had visit from KN and CS.3CA was a visitor in Montreal. Anybody wanting dope on crystal grinding ask LJ. BB schedules AP, EC, JK, KF, and IY. KK is still building. CR is trying 'phone again. DQ and IN are on 7 mc. exclusively. JT gets out well on 3.5 mc. AY is rebuilding. FG had his receiver overhauled, getting ready for the DX tests. DR is still busy with the usual schedules. AB has invested in an R.M.E. 69. BE paid a visit to Ottawa. How about some news, gang. Look elsewhere in QST for advance notices on the forthcoming Convention. Let's see you there.

Traffic: VE2DG 352 DR 319 EC 101 BG-BU 45 CO 67 HT 44 JK 18 GO 13 FG-HH 5 LV-LM 1 AP 51 EE 10.

#### VANALTA DIVISION

ALBERTA—SCM, Jim Smalley, Jr., VE4GD—LX worked so hard on traffic the dust got thick on his 'phone rig. BZ comes through with a nice total. The QK-GE schedule continues to click FB. YD sends the first report from Peace River. UY reports working lots of W stations on 28 mc. LA had his garage business go up in smoke and lost some radio equipment. If JJ and the Breakfast Club continue at their present rate they will be getting a sponsor for their programme. OD, AW and GD hold the long distance record for B.C.L. complaints with a distance of 85 miles! IO and NV are Calgary's first 1.75-mc. 'phones in some years. JK has come back to Calgary. BW has a new rig. GY is heard on 'phone. HM is still the most reliable station in Edmonton. DI was a Christmas visitor in Calgary. FI Junior has been missing University and ham radio both due to sickness. DR likes his Kea Kliz. DX is now located in

Vancouver. FG has an antenna at last. IN has a good signal on both 3.9 and 1.75 mc. LM is heard on 14, 3.9 and 1.75 mc. OG is once more going strong. TM is going 'phone. XR and XS add their two cents worth to the 7-mc. QRM.

Traffic: VE4LA 259 BZ 77 QK 36 GE 24 UY 10 SD 4. BRITISH COLUMBIA—SCM, Don Vaughan-Smith, VE5EP—How about an O.R.S. or O.P.S. appointment? If you can qualify, let's hear from you. Plans are going ahead for a Vanalta Convention to mark Vancouver's Jubilee year. Any suggestions that would contribute to its success are always in order. The whole VE5 gang it seems are behind the Amachever according to the response after that appeal in the Nov. issue! What, no W.A.S. (Worked All States)? 5GI reports European DX very consistent during last three months; Frank worked over 200 Europeans in this time on 14 mc. We take pleasure in announcing the appointment of B. W. Naylor, 5BI, as Official Observer. 5DG, way up in Pouce Coupe, handled traffic for Pilot McLaren on his Xmas flying trip to Liard River. FB and one up for the amateur! 5PT is using a pair of '10's, 50 watts, and has worked nearly all U. S. and Canadian districts.

Traffic: VE5CC 23 DG 4 FG 25 AV 100 BR 47 MK 26 OK 9 JI 29 NG 1 EP 55 GI 34.

#### PRAIRIE DIVISION

MANITOBA—SCM, A. J. R. Simpson, VE4BG—TO is heard consistently working DX on 7 mc. TJ is busy working ZL's and VK's. MW is very active on 7 mc. RO has pair of 880's in second transmitter. DU spends considerable time on 28 mc. QY is heard regularly on 14 mc. and tries 'phone occasionally. KX keeps busy on 14 and 7 mc. MY has migrated to 3.5 mc. QF has new transformer in high power supply. NI keeps busy on 14- and 28-mc. 'phone. QC is still using lock system on 211 final. VG is handling the rural schedules now in place of TV, who expects to leave Winnipeg shortly. MJ and SV keep busy on 3.5 mc. IP is heard consistently on 14-mc. 'phone. SS is causing plenty QRM on 1.75-mc. 'phone along with VD, ZL and VF. EK has a pair of RK20's working FB on 1.75-mc. 'phone. ZK is heard regularly on 7- and 14-mc. c.w. LL is having trouble getting enough excitation. NM is putting out a strong signal on 7 mc. Trunk Line station AG leads as usual with high traffic score.

Traffic: VE4AG 337.

SASKATCHEWAN—SCM, Wilfred Skaife, VE4EL—This month I want to voice my appreciation of the Trunk Line work. I have listened in to this line on 3690 kcs. many times, and the way the traffic is passed along is a credit to this and the adjacent Sections and the A.R.R.L. If you are interested, listen in some night at 6:30 and see if you do not agree with me. XL is operating at Dundurn Camp. XM has an FB new monitor. WO has new t.r.f. receiver. BD tried 28 mc. with a little success. EB makes record of incoming QSO and re-transmits to the astonishment of the sender. YM is using a '10 and reports some DX. FY helps XM get bugs out of receiver. OH built new stage speech amp. LU plans 1.75-mc. 'phone. CM is still blowing junk. KM built new exciter unit. DB is getting FB results with new rig. OR rearranged station. UZ is having key click trouble. ES is getting good results on 14-mc. 'phone. OC plans P.P. '10's in final. VQ is collecting junk for new receiver. KA is going on 28 mc.; says it's FB. JU got the itch from the 28-mc. bug. PG finds '47 and 56 are not interchangeable. Hi. JV hears lots of S. Africans on 14 mc. FW has new rig perking FB. OM will be on soon with new rig. RE is building 'phone outfit. IG gets very FB reports on 28 mc. with low power. KS is awaiting crystal. ZB, ZC and IV are new hams at Moose Jaw. Give them a call, fellas. KJ is still doing well on 'phone or c.w. with 3 to 4 watts input. WF sends in first report; his rig is '47 c.c. osc. and '46 buffer. TK hooked a CM. GO is planning '47 c.c. osc., '10 buffer and P.P. 80's in final. FL has new rig, '47 c.c. osc. into '46 into P.P. '46's. MZ is heard by VK and EI. UR has trouble with his RK25; he gets out fine on 7 mc. when tuned to 3.5 mc. Hi. RZ gets out well with 7 watts input. EM is new ham at Sovereign with '45 and '46. UL has two rigs: 33 c.c. osc. and P.P. 30's for local and 42 c.c. osc. and P.P. '45's for DX.

Traffic: VE4CM 284 MH 17 WF 10 EL 9 HL 9 UL 7 XM 5

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## The Cairo Survey

Route 1, Box 257, Scappoose, Ore.

Editor, QST:

Please slip me the dope on the Cairo Survey. I have been rather hesitant about volunteering for this work because of my limited equipment, but I guess maybe I can be of some assistance. It looks like the League needs me and I'll be damned if I'll be a quitter, anyway!

—Gordon A. Leap, W7BYQ

1015 College Ave., Iowa Falls, Iowa

Editor, QST:

VE3GG certainly hit the nail on the head. After reading his letter in January QST, I felt that I was sort of shirking, to say the least, in not taking part in the Cairo Survey. So even though I'm still in my last year of high school, I want to do my part in the Survey. Send me the dope right away.

—Harrison Lehmann, W9SQK

Alhambra, Calif.

Editor, QST:

The nature of my work makes it impossible for me to have any fixed hours on the air, but nevertheless I do have quite a bit of available time, and if I can be of any service in the Cairo Survey work would be more than glad to do so. . . . I visit most of the radio clubs in Southern California and . . . will be glad to give the boys a little pep talk and see if we can get some coöperation.

—V. G. Wiley, W6FGS

104 Logan Court, Raleigh, N. C.

Editor, QST:

. . . I would like to take part in the Survey. . . . I have listened for hours on end to commercial stations sending a series of V's de WBUNK de WBUNK V V V . . . I see no reason why amateurs should be crowded into narrow bands when between the amateur bands I have found blank spaces 300 kc. wide without so much as one signal.

I have been told by fellows at college that boys in school have no time for amateur radio. That may be true, but still I think I could find a few hours a day, and a few minutes to fill out a blank,

if I could have a part in obtaining new amateur frequencies. —Everett D. Thomas, W4DKM

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Since publication of January QST, 134 new Cairo Surveyors have volunteered, some representing groups which bring the total number of new volunteers to well over 200. A good percentage of these show that they were inspired by VE3GG's plea. How about you? Are you doing *your* part?

"AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS"

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Owing to space limitations, several portions of VE3GG's letter in January's "Correspondence" section under the heading "Cairo Survey" were necessarily deleted. These sections, indicated by dotted spaces in the January letter, follow:

Hydro, Ontario

Editor, QST:

. . . [Speaking of the type of man engaged in Cairo Survey work] It is then when he silently contemplates a situation where he has spent half a life time and thousands of dollars of his hard-earned income on his radio hobby, and compares it with his golf, which did not cost him one tenth of the outlay. His life membership in the golf club from its early inception, when three pioneers first broke the ground for the course, now assures him at least, that when he wants to use his clubs, he can, without having to choose between standing on the side lines, or scrambling through a horde of yelling youngsters chewing up the green with everything from a hockey stick to a claw hammer.

In spite of the fact that he knows statistics will show the bulk of our radio amateurs to be under 20 years old, that the majority of these are of high school age, that a large percentage of the radio licenses issued each year are taken out by boys who drop the game for good after the second or third year or earlier, depending upon the changes necessary when preparing for their career in life, and the natural susceptibility to YLitis, in spite of all this, I say, we find our bald-headed Cairo Survey man swinging his dial back to the job of logging the commercials and compiling his lists for Headquarters.

He realizes full well that each year a new swarm of transient and generally irresponsible youths are turned loose all over the precious amateur frequencies, coming and going annually like a blight, often crippling and rendering the bands useless half the time. He knows that any child of

sixteen years can, with three or four dollars put even Mr. Maxim himself off any sked he cares to make, and furthermore KEEP him OFF for as long as he wants, and, should Mr. Maxim, in a spirit of coöperation, try to work the child, HE himself is driven down to a sending speed which is the basis stem of half the QRM.

What guarantee has our friend of the Cairo Survey that even if his work helped to win new frequencies, that the same conditions will not prevail on the new assignments as prevails now on the present bands? None whatever! The new frequencies (if they ever come) are doomed to devastation already by the present system of licensing, and allotment of frequencies which allows any irresponsible kid who swears he can send at 10 per minute and get someone to draw him a diagram, to wallow around on ANY amateur band at will. An editorial some time ago in QST where an amateur was charged with perjury for "assisting" eight applicants to secure licenses gives an accurate cross-section of the intolerable situation in this respect. . . .

To the member of our organization who has the welfare of the A.R.R.L. the above paragraph will sound an ominous warning; on the other hand thousands of "transient amateurs" will not even bother to finish this article. Then, why in Heaven's name, should we persist in a policy which defeats our own ends by granting every Tom, Dick and Harry the same amateur status as your Cairo Survey men, right off the bat!

The situation has now developed to a stage where the following changes should go into effect at once:

(1) Forbid the issue of any more amateur license, until further notice from the A.R.R.L.

(2) Set a definite LIMIT on the strength of the amateur army, and keep the army up to strength by the re-issue of cancelled or abandoned licenses to new applicants. No new call to be issued on any account.

(3) Cancel all licenses held by persons under 18 years old, or any license held by a person with less than TWO years activity on the air, with promise of renewal if the Cairo Survey is successful in obtaining more frequencies for amateur use.

(4) No license to be issued in future to any applicant under 21 years old, on the grounds that a radio license for amateur work demands something more from the applicant besides a dubious 10 words per minute, and the scrawled copy of a radio circuit. It demands mental stability and sufficient intelligence to appreciate the serious responsibilities involved in becoming a member of the most remarkable organization the world has ever known.

(5) All newcomers to be assigned to a probationary band, other than the regular amateur bands. If new frequencies are not immediately available for this purpose, then—assign 10 kc. on each of the present bands exclusively to probationers giving them a "P" prefix until such times as they can pass a stiff examination on the "Q" list along with send and receive at not less than 20 words per minute. Frequency violation of a "P" station to cancel his license forever. We do not have to tolerate violators. The idea is to put an amateur license at a premium, where it rightly belongs, instead of something you can find in any ashcan.

(6) All "P" stations to report once a year by arranged sked with A.R.R.L. inspector for examination as to progress made towards minimum standards set by the A.R.R.L. Sub-standard performance in comparison to time license has been in force to be sufficient cause for the recommendation of cancellation. Inspectors to be appointed within reasonable operating range in every district from the staffs of the O.R.S. or from the ranks of competent volunteers for such work.

(7) Two observations, not less than seven days apart, by an appointed A.R.R.L. observer of ANY station using a note other than xtal, or pure d.c. to be sufficient cause for cancellation. The seven day period between checks to be allowed as sufficient time for the operator of the offending station to have received reports from stations worked in regard to his note and same remedied. Station testing will not count as an observation; an actual QSO must be in progress before the Observer will record any infraction of this rule.

(8) All "P" stations to be silent from 24.00 o'clock local time every Sunday to 00.01 the following Tuesday, local time. . . .

—"Mike" Caveney, VE3GG

## Cairo Suggestion

730 N. 6th St., Grand Junction, Colo.

Editor, QST:

In view of the fact that any demands by amateurs for additional frequencies at the Cairo conference are likely not to meet with over-enthusiastic response from commercial and other interests, it has occurred to me that it might perhaps be the part of wisdom for the amateur proposals to involve the ceding of portions of the existing amateur frequency assignments, in exchange for other more desirable allotments.

In this connection, I should appreciate hearing from you as to your reaction to the following system of amateur frequency assignments:

5 meters—56,000-60,000 kc.  
10 meters—24,000-30,000 kc.  
20 meters—14,000-15,000 kc.  
40 meters—7,000-7,500 kc.  
80 meters—3,500-3,750 kc.  
160 meters—1,750-1,875 kc.

The advantages and disadvantages of such a system are of course immediately obvious, and I shall not discuss them further. They simply involve bargaining away some ~~less~~ needed for some more needed territory, and, while I am not very familiar with the actual process of reaching agreements at these conferences, I feel quite sure that such a plan of offering concessions in return for advantages desired would be more likely of success than would a plan of demanding favors while offering nothing in return. . . .

—Duane Magill, W9DQD

## Hey, You "Ten"-Meter Gang!

Weyburn, Sask., Canada

Editor, QST:

This afternoon I was listening in on 28 mc. and found it to be quite active, with lots of 'phones coming through very well. On changing my receiving coils to go up to 20 meters, I was surprised to hear a large group of signals coming through in a new place. Knowing my 20-meter coils would not bring in 10 meters, and hearing a local on 20 putting a strong harmonic in the band, I wondered if all the other signals I could hear could be harmonics also. Imagine my surprise, however, when I heard W7—calling "CQ ten."

The point is that a large number of hams have their rigs and receivers working on the wrong harmonic (presumably the 3rd harmonic of 40-meter crystals.—Edron) and are working each other in a band supposed by them to be 10 but which actually is not. A check with my absorption frequency meter showed this. . . . How many ten-meter bands have we?

The new band was very well inhabited. [VE4UN lists some fifteen calls heard there.—Edron.] These fellows simply don't know any better. I hear them say "No DX" and "No 'phones." Well, they will find both on ten!

This matter appears to me to be of great importance and should be looked into at once.

—W. J. Mertz, VE4UN

## January Editorial: Getting QSO

1928 Lewis Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

Editor, QST:

It was with somewhat mixed emotions that I read your contribution to the "The Editor's Mill" in the January 1936 QST, concerning calling and CQ'ing procedure; for right there before my eyes a supposedly-futile brain-child of mine was being dragged out of the moth-balls in which it had lain for five full years!

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# On Measuring Modulation at the Receiver

(Number Twenty-five of a Series)

WE HAVE received so many letters requesting information on how to measure the percentage modulation of received signals, that we can hardly do better than to start our third year of this series with a subject of such general interest.

Such measurements are by no means as difficult as is generally supposed. The connections are made as shown in the illustration at the right. The common terminal of the horizontal and vertical deflection plates is tied to the receiver chassis. The free terminal of the horizontal deflection plates is tied to the plate of the last I.F. tube in the receiver through a .5 mfd. blocking condenser, and also connected through a twenty thousand ohm resistor to the free terminal of the vertical deflection plates.

These simple connections are all that are required, but in making them certain precautions must be observed. Since this system is tied to the plate of the last I.F. tube, the wiring should be carefully made to have minimum capacity to ground, and the last I.F. transformer should be retuned after the connections are made.

The principle of operation is not complicated either. The signal is impressed directly on the horizontal deflection plates, causing a horizontal trace. At the same time, the signal is also impressed on the vertical deflection plates, but because of the 20,000 ohm resistor, the vertical trace is out of phase with the horizontal and an elliptical pattern results.

Three typical patterns are illustrated at the left, all reproduced from unretouched photographs. A National CRO Oscilloscope was employed, connected to an HRO receiver. The top picture represents an unmodulated signal. It is a single, sharp oval line.

If the signal is now modulated, the trace will be seen to widen to a ribbon, as shown in the second picture. It should be noted that this widening occurs in "both directions"; that is, the outside length of the oval increases, while the length of the inside dark area decreases. If these two dimensions are called  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , respectively, the percentage modulation can be calculated from the well-known formula:

$$\text{Modulation} = \frac{D_1 - D_2}{D_1 + D_2} \times 100 \text{ (per cent)}$$

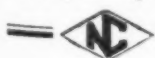
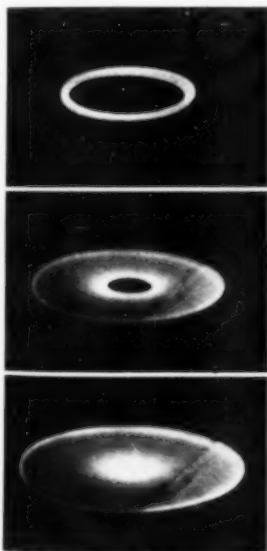
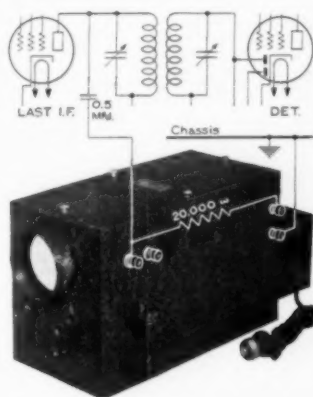
As might be expected, for 100% modulation, the dark area in the center of the pattern decreases to zero. This point can be determined quite accurately. If the signal be over-modulated, the illuminated area increases still further, and a bright spot appears in the middle of the figure. Such a pattern is shown in the lowest illustration. This last pattern is quite unmistakable, and looks for all the world like the revolving turntable of a phonograph with a record in place. The exact amount of over-modulation cannot be calculated, but this is not particularly important since all percentages of over-modulation are equally illegal under the regulations.

One or two precautions must be observed in interpreting the signals. The most important thing to remember is that the device measures modulation at the second detector of the receiver, not necessarily at the transmitter. Errors can be due to two sources. Defects in the receiver, such as cross-modulation, poor frequency characteristic and improper coupling of the H.F. oscillator, can all affect the apparent modulation. In a well-designed receiver the resulting error is quite small, and in any case, results can be readily checked by tuning in a transmitter whose modulation is known. Such a test can usually be arranged without any difficulty, since a large number of transmitters are equipped with oscilloscopes these days.

The second source of error is more of a variable. Static, heterodynes and similar disturbances appear at the second detector as a modulation of the carrier (since otherwise they could not ride through the receiver). Since these extraneous signals are superimposed on the regular modulation, they will make the signal appear to have a higher percentage modulation than is really the case. Therefore, in order to make measurements it will be necessary to have the signal out in the clear. Even when conditions are very bad, it will usually be found that there are moments when the signal is clear and a moment is enough when one is watchful.

We recommend that you try it out. In addition to being easy to rig, and fascinating to watch, a very useful monitoring service is performed. Unfortunately, many amateurs have not found it possible to equip their stations with oscilloscopes or equivalent equipment and measurements at the receiving end seem the best way to keep the air free from over-modulation interference.

JAMES MILLEN





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### Correspondence Department

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I made a dash for my file of QST, and after thumbing through some ten ancient and dog-eared copies, I found what I was seeking. There, on page 56 of the December 1930 QST, was a letter I had sent in concerning the CQ-answering problem. At the time this letter appeared, the bands were crowded, but compared to present conditions, they were relatively unpopulated. The whole idea was to cut down the necessary calling time and to raise our batting average in contacts established. However, the addition of a couple of letters at the end of a CQ to indicate at which end of the band the CQer would start listening constituted superfluous signals in the minds of certain members of the amateur fraternity, and after a slight flurry of interest, the whole subject was laid on the table. Now, after five years, the subject has again been brought up in an improved and more comprehensive form, and the headquarters staff has indicated interest, so what is to prevent the idea from being developed to its fullest right now? If an idea has merit the amateurs will not hesitate to adopt it, once it is placed before them and its advantages pointed out. Let's keep after this thing until we arrive at something which will be acceptable to all concerned, and which will eliminate these five minute (or longer!) answers to a snappy 3 times 3 CQ!

—Orin C. Lewis, W8DZK

3959 Marathon St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Editor, QST:

Regarding your editorial in January QST, I can suggest one thing in this connection and that is that hams try electron-coupled oscillators as I have done and as several amateurs with whom I am acquainted are doing. It is very convenient to change to other frequencies in the same band quickly and accurately.

The e.c.-exciter unit is the most convenient and useful unit I have ever come across. In this connection, let me state that I have found it much more stable than crystal control unless an elaborate and expensive crystal oven is used. In fact, I don't care to ever go back to crystal control after using the electron-coupled oscillator.

I have done some extensive experimenting with electron-coupled frequency meter-monitors and the one I now have has never had to be re-calibrated but once since I built it and that was when I drove some nails into my receiver table without removing the frequency meter. Anybody that will do a trick like that ought not have a good instrument (hill). It was built late in 1934 and held its calibration to 100 cycles for ten months until the above incident occurred, and when I re-calibrated it, it held its calibration up to the present day. I have no doubt it is closer than 100 cycles but the curve I have won't show any closer than that. At present I am not on 'phone, but on e.w. the ability to change from one frequency to another is mighty convenient. . . .

—Leland R. Ford, W0GXN

825 West End Ave., New York City

Editor, QST:

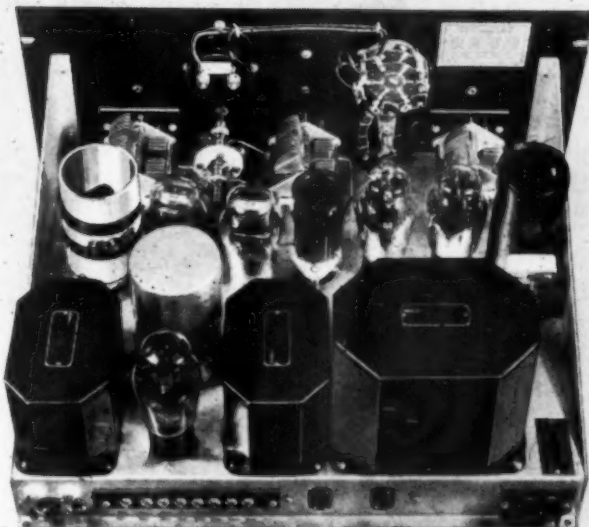
. . . On the difficulty of getting QSO. I believe you have overlooked the more important points of the question.

Most hams, nowadays, have much better receivers than they had a few years ago. They bring in more signals that can be copied, so that besides the greater number of signals of good intensity we can also bring in a larger number of weaker signals. Therefore it takes much longer to tune across the band after a CQ. Also the fellows are making their answering calls shorter (in most cases a good idea) due to your insistence on calling 3 times 3, so that there isn't much use in looking over more than one-third of the band after a CQ.

It seems to me that the solution to the problem you have mentioned lies in the general adoption of "break-in." If that were done, a fellow who had sent out a CQ would know that he was going to be called until he answered someone, and therefore he would be able to tune over the whole band. It would mean longer calls and, in one way, more QRM, but that would be offset by the fact that everyone would stop calling as soon as our CQer pressed his key again. To prevent the continuation of calls from fellows who might not have been heard, the ham who sent CQ and heard no reply, if he elected not to send another CQ, could send TEST once or



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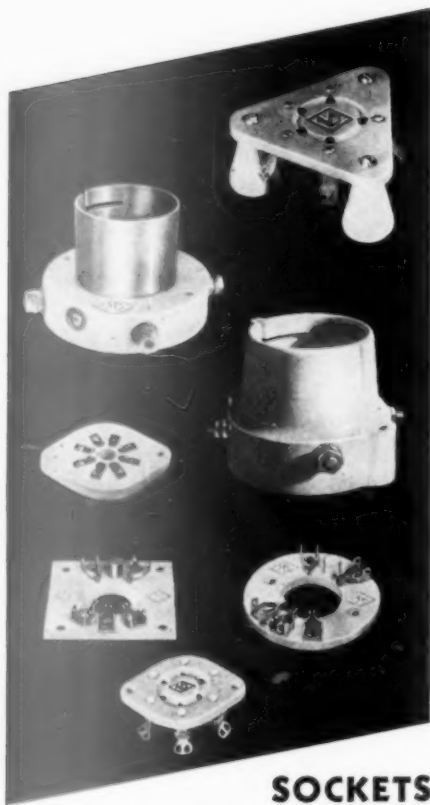
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twice and sign to stop everyone from calling him. Or some other signal could be devised to signify that a fellow had heard no answer to his CQ and was going to look for CQ's himself.

Certainly the use of "break-in" is a great source of pleasure and it should not be hard to sell the idea to hamdon. They should be told again how it lessens QRM by saving unnecessary talk on the air; i.e., preventing the full repetition of a long description which is the inevitable result of QRM, QSB, or some misunderstanding; facilitating the handling of traffic, etc. . .

—S. P. Mainthor, W2DYO

131 Washington Ave., Oakmont, Pa.

Editor, QST:

Consideration of the third subject in your editorial in January QST brings to mind a scheme used here several years ago to adjust the transmitter frequency rather quickly to any point in the band. A description of the outfit appeared in July 1929 QST. It may be that, with the stable oscillators now possible, such a device could be constructed having a practical degree of stability, while at the same time being capable of rapid adjustment to any desired frequency.

One thing is certain. If it were possible to place one's transmitter frequency exactly in accord with that of a station just in the act of signing off, the station with whom he was communicating could easily be raised with a short call.

It would seem that if we can make our receivers stable, and at the same time readily adjustable, the same thing could be done with our transmitters. Of course, a number of factors immediately present themselves for consideration. Antenna efficiency, methods of feed and coupling, rapid monitoring, and frequency stability with changes in temperature, are a few. Possibly others would develop.

I have many times stated my conviction that the crystal, as a means of frequency control, is a makeshift, locking a transmitter to a certain frequency, and sooner or later will have to give way to some other method of control which will also lock the frequency but allow adjustment as well.

Perhaps this problem is just one more of the supposedly tough ones that come along for the amateur and which, under the spur of necessity, he just naturally goes ahead and works out.

—A. W. McAulay, W8CEO

## January Editorial: 'Phone

Zanesville, Ohio

Editor, QST:

I read with considerable interest your editorial in the January issue. I agree with it for the most part, but wish to take exception to one part. I heartily agree with your stand on broadcasting for entertainment purposes. It is not only unsportsmanlike but illegal. So much for that. But why can't we acknowledge SWL cards? I average about two SWL cards a day and have always answered them all. It has cost me a little but so has my interest in amateur radio; in fact, my chief hobby is amateur radio. You certainly admit that it is not necessary to have a station to be an amateur. I don't mean that you can transmit without a station, but transmitting is only one half of radio, the other half is listening. It is highly probable that a sizable bunch of folk are interested in transmitting who will never own a transmitter; but still they are very much interested. Now why can't these folks take an interest in things that are going on in radio to the utmost of their ability without being ignored by folks that are in a more fortunate position as regards to transmitting? Some of our good musicians are not players of instruments, they are listeners. I'll venture that quite a sizable number of readers of QST are not possessors of transmitters. They may join the relay league without ever pounding brass or stuttering over a mike; just an interest is all that is required. Did you ever consider, which you no doubt have or you would never have mentioned it, that these folks who send SWL cards are actively interested in ham radio? They show that or they would never take the trouble to send a card. I hear someone say, "Well, I like to get DX SWL cards, but I don't care for cards from locals and short distances." Don't you realize that some very good friends can be made around your own town by taking an interest in these SWL? Also a good feeling can be cultivated by being courteous and replying to these cards. Some of my very best

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$$= 1.005384$$

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$$B = 0.5$$

$$L = 63.4$$

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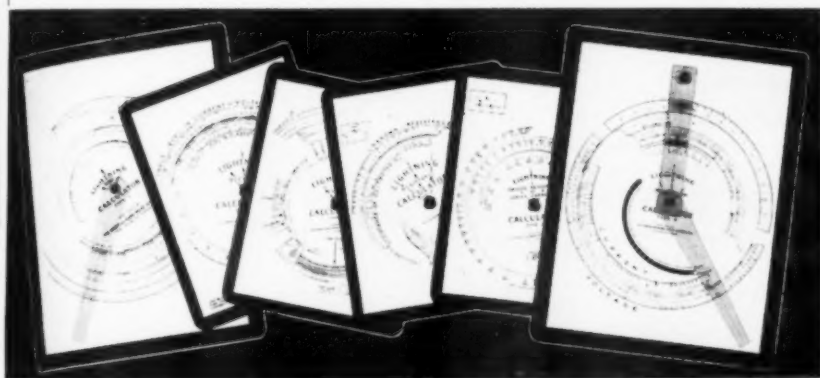
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friends in radio have been made in this way. From my letter you may get the idea that I am a new comer in radio. This is far from the facts. I have been interested in radio since 1912 when I had my first receiver, one of the old Navy tuners with a loading coil that was quite long. I forget just how long, but it was plenty big. Then in 1920 I became interested in radio from a broadcasting angle, as a lot of other experimenters did. I was content to listen and experiment until 1932, when I obtained my transmitting license, and have been on the air ever since. I know it sounds sophisticated to grumble about SWL cards, etc., but I don't think it reflects the spirit of ham radio and wish to take this opportunity to express my disapproval. . . .

—Chas. W. Cover, W8KVJ

**Editor's Note.**—The editorial in question objected not to acknowledging SWL cards by means of QSL cards or letters, but to their acknowledgment *over the air*, à la early broadcasting stations and their fan mail. Discouragement of short-wave listeners is certainly not QST's policy; preservation of amateur radiotelephone as a two-way communicating medium, as opposed to illegal and unethical private broadcasting, most assuredly is.

207 N. Arden Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Editor, QST:

I certainly agree with the editorial in this month's QST about 'phone procedure, especially the entertainment part. After hearing a certain W6 last night I am so mad I can't see straight! His transmission was something like this:

He talked for a minute or so to the fellow he had the QSO with, and then began strumming on a guitar and singing slightly off key. After a few songs he said, "W6—has just completed a modulation test and is not broadcasting for entertainment purposes." There was a little more talk and then he said, "And here's a modulation test for so-and-so," and again burst into song. He made several "modulation tests" for various friends, in the meantime cluttering up the air while someone with a message may have been QRM'ed and many persons were undoubtedly annoyed.

The ham bands are overcrowded with good operators and we don't need these fakes who not only break the F.C.C. rules but destroy the amateur spirit.

I wish that the League would start a drive against these fellows. With all the fine hams on the air we could get rid of the offenders easily if we got down to business. How about it?

—Irene Kahn

## Pentodes as Class-AB Amplifiers

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The type of distortion present depends upon the signal level. At low levels only the second and third harmonics are present, the second harmonic being attributable to the driver stage. Higher-order harmonics do not appear until the output is about eight watts (at this level the total distortion is approximately 2%) after which the fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh harmonics appear. There harmonics represent an appreciable part of the distortion at maximum output.

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## Experimenters' Section

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across them. Screw down the adjustment screw on the buzzer so that it clicks instead of buzzing.

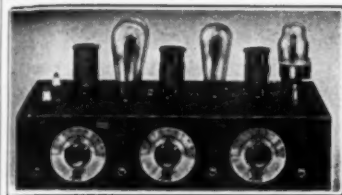
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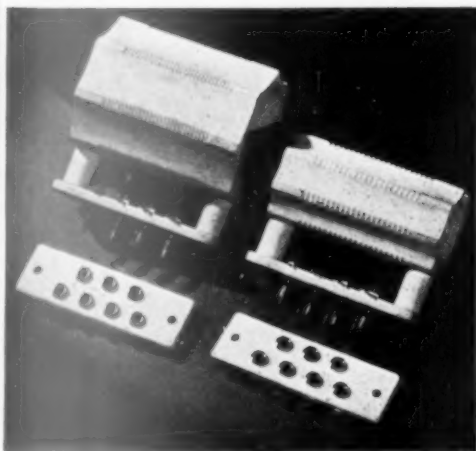
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—D. Kaufmann, W3EEK

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## I.A.R.U. News

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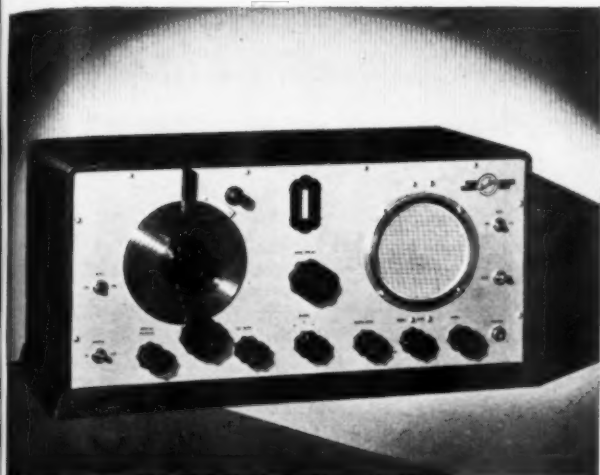
yet! Then come the 50-watt stations, ZE1JB, ZE1JE, ZE1JF, ZE1JR and ZE1JU. ZE1JB uses a T61D, ZE1JE and ZE1JF use RK20's, ZE1JR uses a Collins commercially-made transmitter with a 203A in the final, and ZE1JU a DET1.

"There are not many stations in the country and so there is not too much QRM; at times it is absolutely nil. ZE1JM and ZE1JR are both WAC on 'phone, ZE1JM being also WAC on c.w. ZE1JB, ZE1JJ, have WAC certificates, ZE1JN, JS and JU have applied for their certificates. One evening ZE1JN got WAC in 3 hours, 20 minutes, ZE1JS 3 hours, 45 minutes. ZE1JU has been very successful on 10 metres with numerous contacts. ZE1JN has four countries to his credit on 10 metres. Both these stations have called numerous American stations on 10 metres but with no luck.

"That is all there is to it. I have given the tube used so that the stations can be classified. Some, of course, are not using the maximum input to the tube, but we are not bluffing when we say that our power is around about 50 watts. The difference in signal strength may be the difference in the S. S. superhet you use in America and the battery driven TRF-D-LF receiver used over here."

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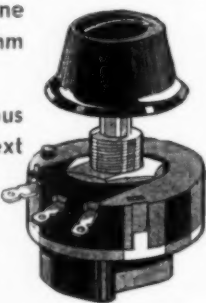
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## Results—3500-Kc. Transoceanic Tests

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INU IRT IXP IYW JDA JN JNB LI(I) ME MK\* QV  
SZ\* TA TS\* UE ZL WBAIZ\* AMF AMP ATM AYJ CLA  
DJ DJP DYF EVI FQV GZF HEG HXM ICM IUX EQ  
WBADE BJU BRT BSB BYM(I) CDG CMR CVL DD\*  
DQ DSN DUE EFS(I) EG EHY(I) EOP EXB\* GS HBS  
HC NF TY WANC WBAAC AQS CAX CUO FIP GBK  
GZW IZJ JTW KWA MQ MQX MXR YA WOPNH  
VEICD CE EI\* GL GU GZ VESIG VOIC IP

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(First Period—December 15-18, 1935)

WIADM(I)\*\*\* ADR\*\*\* AEF AF AFB AGL(I) AJA  
AKE AMP\* APK\*\* ARB ARH AY(I) BCN(I) BCP(I)  
BDI BEF BEF(I)\* BES(I)\*\* BFT\*\* BHI BJP BKL\*  
BMT(I)\* BO(I) BQT BQU BR(I) CAB CDX\* CIW(I)  
CJD CPE(I) CPM\* CQX(I) CRW(I)\* CSC CTG\* CTS  
CTX(I) CWH(I)\*\* DBM(I)\*\* DCP(I) DEO DHE DHH\*  
DIA DQ\* EE EER\* EF\*\* EH EVJ\* EWF(I) EZ\* FAH(I)\*  
FCE(I)\* FGM(I) FJA FPM FVH FVK GKJ GOJ\* GOO  
GTS\*\* GVH\*\* GXY\* HDV HJI HNF HNU\* HPV HSB  
HWZ\* HYX IEM IHX IXY\* IYW JN JNB\* JQ KH\*  
LI(I)\*\*\* ME\*\* MK OR\* QR\* QU(I) SZ\* TA TS\* YE\*  
WBAEP\* AFD(I) AIW AIZ AMP\* ARV ATM\* AUO\*  
AYJ\* AYM(I) BMM\* BVM(I) BW BY(I) BYE(I) BYFO  
BYM(I)\*\* BYR(I) CAY DEN\* DLM DLO DLYO\*  
DQV DRO DUP DYM DYU\* EAR ELD\*\* EOY EUV  
EVI\* EWD FFN\* FOA FQV\* GCE GDF GFF\* GKB  
GVZ\* HC HCS HS(I)\* HWO HZY US WBAWH\* BBD  
BDI BDU BKC BKZ\* BOS(I) BPT(I) BSB CES CHH  
CPG CWG(I)\* DD\* DDU DQ(I)\*\*\* DQE DT DUO  
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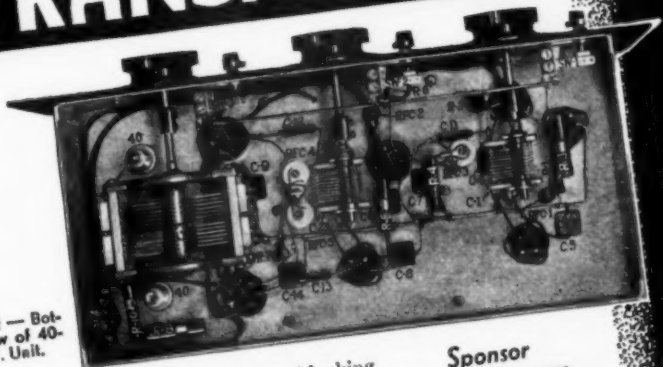


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Below — Rear view of 400-watt Phone Transmitter.



At right — Bottom view of 40-watt R.F. Unit.



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PLATE CURRENT	140	80 M.A.
SCREEN VOLTAGE	400	400 Volts
SCREEN CURRENT	60	85 M.A.
SUPPRESSOR VOLTAGE	plus 45	-50 Volts
REQUIRED RF INPUT POWER	1.8	2.7 Watts
REQUIRED MOD. POWER	-	1.2 Watts
OUTPUT	200	60 Watts

Base—Jumbo 5 Prong Isolantite  
Overall dimensions—9½" Long x 2½" Diameter

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Class C Operating Conditions	
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VEIBF\* CA(I)\* DZ EI(I)\*\*\*\* EL\* ER\*\* EW(I) GL\*  
VE3CX HE(I) VE3JT VOIH\*\* 4J 4Y\*\*\* H15X(I)\*\*

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(Second Period—December 19-22, 1935)

W1ABL(I) ADR\* ADM(I)\*\* AFB\* AMP\* ANU APK\*  
ARB ARH\* AVJ\* BFT BJP\* BKL\* CAV\* CDX\* CIU  
CJD\* CJP\* CNT CPM CR(I) CRW(I)\* DCE DHE\*  
DLD\* DPW DQ\* EF ER EVK EWD\* EXR EZ FJA  
FOZ\* FR(I) FVK\* FXO FY GKJ GOJ GTS GUY(I)  
GVH\*\* GWE GY\* HIS HJI HLE HNU\* HNV HPZ HRU  
HXT IEO IKJ IKO IXP JAV\* JBO JEQ ME\*\* MK\*\*  
NN OR QU(I) SZ\*\*\* TS\*\* WV YK\* ZK ZL\* W2ADY(I)  
AFU AGX\* AIZ AYJ BB(I) BCX\* BKV BMM\* BWR(I)\*  
BYM(I)\* BYR(I) CA CAY\*\* CMS CUE CUI\* CZX DLO\*  
DMM\* DYF\* DYO\*\* DYR(I) EHY(I) EQS EVI\*\*\* EVJ  
FFN\* FTH GBF GCE GDA GDF\* GFD\* GGW GMS  
GQA GQX GZF\* HBS HEG HEO HEV HP(I) HS(I)\*  
HUD HWI HWO HXP(I) IBC(I) IEO JEG KR(I)\* MO(I)  
MQ QK QL QY(I) W3ADE AFY(I) AHR(I)\*\* AHY  
AQR(I)\* AWH AWR(I) BJU\* BSB\* BW BYM(I) BZW  
CDG\* CMR CNZ DD\* DGO DKX(I) DQ(I)\* DQM  
DRF(I) DRY(I)\* DUE ECJ EDP EFS(I)\* EHY(I)\*\*  
EOM EOP\* EZL FAX\* FTK NF\* NO VR ZX W4ABS  
BRT\* CPX CZP DAY(I) SY W8CSN W8AQS AY(I) BAS  
BHK\* BPH BQ BWL CAX\*\* CNC\*\* CNE CPN(I)  
CWS(I) DUI DYY DZN\*\* EUY FIP\*\*\* FNX GCD GKG  
HBG HGG JE\* JKS(I) JTT JXM KIR(I) KWA LDA\*  
LMI MEV MFF MFV\* MJT MOT\* MQ MQO\* MRV  
NYY OB OVA OZU RG UV\*\*\* W8AEH\*\*\* EAF ENQ  
IQB JDO(I) KGL NN RCQ RKW SPE VE1BO(I) DA  
EI(I)\*\* EO(I) ER GO(I) GR(I) GW QU VE2BD CX DR  
DS GV JK\* VK VE3AR\* CQ JT LC XS VOIL 1P\*\*  
H15X(I)

FIRST PERIOD—December 15-18, 1935

(2345-0020 GMT each night)

Logged in U. S. First District (W1)

D4ARR\*\*\* CSA\*\*\* JZI PIU E14J\*\*\* F8IL G2DQ\*\*  
IC\* PL\*\* ZF ZQ\*\*\* G5BD\* FV\*\*\* GB GV JU\* KF  
KG\*\*\* PL(I) RB RV\*\* VL(I)\*\* G6BH GH MD\* PF\*\*  
RB\*\*\* RH WY HB9AQ\*\*\* 9AS 9B 9BG\*\* 9H ON4AU\*  
CS JO PA0ASD\*\*\* AZ DC\* FX\*\*\* HR\* NB PN\* UX  
WA\* ZMT ZQ SP1IC.

Logged in U. S. Second District (W2)

D4ARR\*\* CSA\* E14J\* G2DQ\* ZQ\*\* G5BD\* FV\* JU  
KG\*\*\* VL(I) G6LL(I) PF\* RB\*\* G16TK HB9AQ\*\* 9BG  
9J\* NY2AB PA0ASD\* FX\* PN.

Logged in U. S. Third District (W3)

D4ARR G2BQ DQ PO ZQ\* G5FV JF KG G6PF HB9AQ\*  
9J.

Logged in U. S. Eighth District (W8)

D4AKN ARR\* CSA\* F8SQ G2AI DO DQ ZQ\*\* G5FV\*\*  
KG G6KJ PF RB\* HB9AQ PA0ASD PN.

Logged in Canadian First District (VE1)

G2IN G6KG VL(I) G6LL ON4ZA

Logged in Canadian Second District (VE2)

D4ARR G2LQ PR G6MD RB PA0XF

Logged in Canadian Third District (VE3)

G2ZQ G5FV HB9BG

SECOND PERIOD—December 19-22, 1935

(0500-0800 GMT each night)

Logged in U. S. First District (W1)

D4ARR\*\*\* CSA\*\*\* SMP SNP\* TFL\* F3AM F8EX\* QB  
QG\*\*\* TV\*\* G2DF DQ\*\*\* DQ(I) PL\*\*\* SA ZP\* ZQ\*\*  
G5BD\*\* JZ KG\* RB\* VL(I)\* G6CL\* DE JF K1\* LL(I)  
PF\*\*\* RB\*\*\* RG HB9AB 9AK 9AD 9AQ\*\*\* 9AS 9B  
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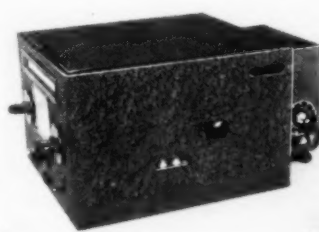
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Logged in U. S. Third District (W3)

D4ARR\* SXR F8TV\* G2DQ\*\* PL ZQ\* G6BD\* G6PF\* RB\* HB9A 9AQ\*\* HH9X PA0HR WA

Logged in U. S. Fourth District (W4)

G6PF RB HB9AQ

Logged in U. S. Seventh District (W7)

G2ZQ G6PF

Logged in U. S. Eighth District (W8)

D4ARR\* CSA VRR F3AM F8EX QG\* TV\* G2DQ\*\* PL\* RB ZP ZQ\*\* G6BD\* KG\* VL(f) G6CJ GF PF\*\*\* RB HB9AO 9AQ\*\*\* 9J K6LHK LA3W\* NY1AA OE3AH PA0ASD\* FA HR\* WA VO1L 1P YP5BC

Logged in U. S. Ninth District (W9)

D4ARR F8QG G2DQ\* ZQ\* G6BD\* MP VL(f) G6PF\* RB\* HB9AQ\*\*\* LA3W

Logged in Canadian First District (VE1)

F8TV G2DQ G5KG VL(f) G6LL

Logged in Canadian Second District (VE2)

G2ZQ G6PF HB9AQ PAQWA

Logged in Canadian Third District (VE3)

D4ARR F8TV G3PL G5BD G6PF HB9AQ 9G

PERIOD NOT INDICATED—Includes Both

Logged in U. S. First District (W1)

D4ARR\*\* CSA\*\* F8EX QG\* TV\* G2DQ\*\* PF PL\* RB ZQ\*\* G6BD\* FV\*\* JU KG\* OG G6JU PF\*\*\* PH RA RB\*\* WY\* ZC HB9AQ\*\*\* 9BB 9BG\* 9H 9J OE3AH\* ON4AU\* PA0AD AQ AS ASD\* DC FX\*\* HR\* PK PN QQ\* WA\*\* SP1DQ VK3HG ZL3GN

Logged in U. S. Third District (W3)

D4ARR\* CSA EABLV F8QG TV G2AX DQ PL ZQ\* G5BD FV\* G6LL(f) PF RB\* HB9AQ 9BG PA0AP ASD PN QQ WA VO1L 1P ZL3BJ

Logged in U. S. Eighth District (W8)

D4ARR\* CSA F8EX QG\* G2DQ\* PL\* ZQ\* G6BD JZ(f) KI VF G6PF\* RB\* HB9AM 9AQ\* 9AS 9J 9Q LA4U ON4WR PA0AQ ASD\* LN

STATIONS WORKED IN FIRST PERIOD

(By W/VE Stations)

WIARB: G2ZQ WIARR: G2ZQ W1CJF: G6RB-PA0DC W1CSC: G2ZQ-G6RB W1DBM(f): G5VL W1DHH: D4CSA W1DQ: G2ZQ W1EF: G5KG-G6RB-PA0ASD W1HJ1: G5FV-G5KG-PA0ASD W1HNU: G5FV-G6RB W1ME: G2ZQ W1OR: G2ZQ W1SZ: G2ZQ-G5BD(2)-G6PF-G6RB-D4ARR-F8IL-PA0DC-PA0FX W1TS: G2ZQ(2)-G5KG-G6RB(2)-PA0ASD W1ZL: G6RB-HB9AS W2AEF: G2ZQ-G5BD-G6PF-D4CSA W2CAY: D4CSA W2DYR(f): G5VL W2GTF: G2ZQ-G5BD-G6RB-D4ARR W2HSB: G2ZQ-D4ARR W5AVK: G2ZQ W0NNZ: G2ZQ VE1EI(f): G2IN-G5KG-G5VL(4) VE3JT: G2ZQ-ZL3FC-ZL3FP-ZL2GN-VOIP

STATIONS WORKED IN SECOND PERIOD

(By W/VE Stations)

WIARB: G2PL-G6PF-G6RB-HB9AQ W1CJF: G6PF-HB9AQ-PA0ASD-PA0QQ W1DHH: D4ARR-G6RG-OK3VA W1DLB: D4ARR-G2ZQ-G6RB W1DQ: D4ARR-G2DQ-G6PF(2)-G6RB-HB9AQ-PA0HR W1WIZ: G2PL W1ME: D4ARR-G2PL-G2ZQ-G6K1-G6RB-G6PF(2)-F8QG-HB9AQ(2)-PA0QQ W1OR: G2ZQ-G6PF(2)-G6RB W1SZ: D4ARR-G2DQ-G2PL(4)-G2ZP-G5BD-G6CL-G6K1(3)-G6PF(4)-G6RB(2)-F8QG-HB9AQ(4)-HB9AS-HB9AK-LA4U-PA0QQ(2) W1TS: D4ARR-G2PL(2)-G2ZQ-G6PF(3)-F8QG(2)-HB9AQ(2)-PA0MSD W1UE: PA0ASD W1ZL: G2PL-G2ZQ-D4ARR-G6RB(2)-HB9AQ W2CAY: G2PL-G6PF-G2ZQ-HB9AB-PA0QQ-VOIL



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F8TV **W8BQ**: F8EX **W8GKG**: HB9AQ **W8KWA**:  
PA0ASD **W8LDA**: D4ARR-G2PL **W8UUV**: G2ZQ-G5KG-  
G6PF-G6RB-F8QG-D4ARR-HB9J **W9AEH**: D4ARR-  
G2DQ-G2ZQ-G6PF-HB9AQ **W9NNZ**: G2ZQ **VE1E1(f)**:  
G2DQ-G5KG(3)-G5VL(2)-G6LL(2)

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**W1BJP**: G2DQ-G2ZQ-G5JU-HB9AQ **W1BKL**: G2PL-  
G2ZQ-G5BD-G6PF-G6RB-HB9AQ-PA0QQ-PA0HR-  
F8QG **W1CDX**: G2DQ-G6PF-G2ZQ-HB9AQ-PA0ASD  
**W1EVJ**: G2DQ-G2ZQ-G5BD-G6RB-PA0DC-D4C8A-  
HB9AQ **W1IYW**: G5KG-PA0ASD **W3AWH**: G2ZQ-  
G5BD-G6PF-G6RB-HB9AQ **W8FIP**: G2DQ-G2ZQ-G2PL-  
G5BD-G6PF-G6RB-HB9AS-HB9AQ-PA0ASD-F8EX-  
D4ARR **W8MAH**: G2ZQ **W8MQX**: G2PL-PA0ASD

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**G2IN**: VE1E1(f) **G2ZQ**: W1DQ ARB ARH OR TS(2)  
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HZY GFF DUP W3EOP BSB AWH W8AVK KNB MAH  
MOT VE3JT **G5BD**: W1BKL SZ(2) DHE FVK EVJ  
W2AEP GFF AMP W3AWH EBF **G5KG**: W1EF BFT  
IYW HJI GVH TS VE1E1(f) **G5VL**: All 'phone—W1DBM  
CWH CRW W2BYM BYR HS W3SL UD W4ACZ(2)  
CVQ BYY VE1E1(3) **G6PF**: W1BFT CDX SZ W2AEP  
DLO W8FIP **PA0ASD**: W1BFT GOJ TS EF GVH EZ JN  
FXQ HNU HJI IYW EXR W2GZF HXM W8MQ  
**PA0FX**: W1ADR SZ

STATIONS WORKED IN SECOND PERIOD

(By G/PA Stations)

**G2DQ**: W1CDX SZ BJP EVJ IKJ DQ TS W3EDP  
W8FIP(2) W9AEH VE1E1(f) **G2ZP**: W1SZ W8CNC VO1P  
**G2ZQ**: W1ZL EWD ME DLD TS CDX OR W2CAY  
GQX GGW HBS EVI W3VR W8UUV GKG LMI BHK  
FIP W9ENQ NNZ AEH VE2JK **G5BD**: W1SZ CIU BKL  
HXT W2DLO W8JE FIP W9AEH VE2GV **G5KG**:  
W1GTS ADR W8UUV Phone—W1CRW W2KR DYR  
BYM W3AHR VE1E1(3) **G5VL**: All phone—W1GUY  
W3DRY VE1E1 **G6LL**: All phone—W1ADM CRW  
W2BYM BYR W3AQR VE1E1(3) **G6PF**: W1SZ(4)  
ME(2) TS(3) OR(2) AFB BKL ARH DHE DQ HLE CJP  
W2CAY EVI GZF DLO W3AWH BSB W8UUV BAS EUY  
CNC JE MOT W9AEH VE2JK VO1P(2) **PA0ASD**:  
W1GVH JNB TS CJP HNU CDX AKR GUY UE  
W2AMP(2) GZF W3DD(2) W8FIP MQX AQS KWA IZJ  
VE3IG VO1P(2)

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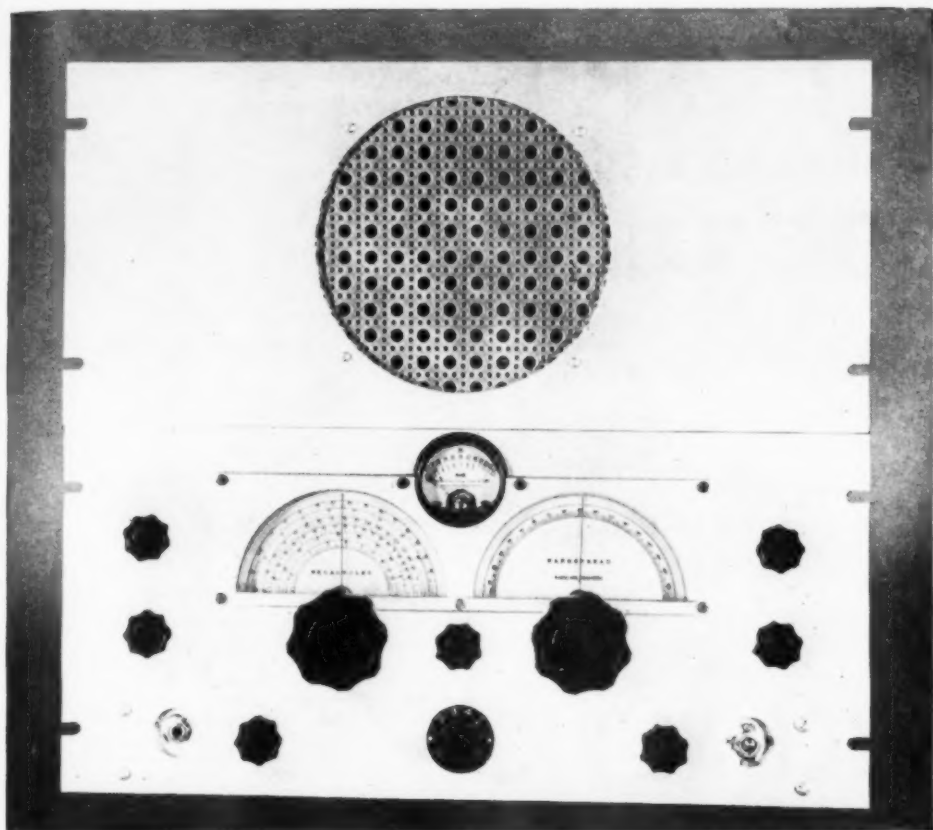
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munications Act to extend their authority over apparatus capable of such interfering radiation. More effective technological collaboration with manufacturers of equipment is planned. What with diathermy and automobile ignition interference, there is plenty of room for some effective cooperation.

**Ratifications** Great Britain on August 23rd last bound herself and North Ireland and Newfoundland to the terms of the Madrid convention and its radio regulations. The acceptance also applies for all British territories except the colony and protectorate of Kenya. The radio regulations not having been accepted on behalf of Kenya, a binding treaty relation does not exist with it and third-party traffic is still OK.

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## High Voltage from 32 Volts D. C.

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## BOOK REVIEW

*Police Radio Operator's Manual*, by the General Electric Co., Radio Department. 64 pages, 4 illustrations, 17 diagrams. Published by General Electric, Radio Department, Schenectady, N. Y. Price, \$1.00.

The secretary's office of the A.R.R.L. Hq. establishment, which is also the license and laws information service, welcomes this book, for it provides the answer to the questions concerning police radio operation which are constantly being asked. The Manual provides sufficient information to enable passage of the radiotelephone operator's examination, third class. It deals with the following general topics: radiotelephone transmitters, receivers, general principles of electricity, operation and care of storage batteries, power supply apparatus, and radio communication laws and regulations, providing a comprehensive digest of these inclusive topics.

—C. B. D.

## R. S. G. B. 28-Mc. Contest

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serious 28-mc. workers an examination of Mr. Wareing's log. As an illustration of thoroughness and neatness we consider it to be of the highest order, whilst as evidence of sublime patience it has few equals, for on occasions W9NY shows making over 100 calls in succession without receiving a reply.

"Fifth position was taken by Mr. K. Shiba, J2HJ, with 25 contacts, most of which were with VK or W6. His total was 1401 points. That indefatigable South African ZS1H finished sixth with 1067 points. His first contest QSO was with G2HG on September 7, 1935. In the remaining few days of the contest he worked 3 G's, 2 ON's, 3 F's, 2 LU's, 2 D's, 2 FA's, 2 W9's and a PA.

"Mr. E. H. Conklin, W9FM, and Mr. M. R. Carlson, W9FFQ, made seventh and eight places, respectively."

The *T. & R. Bulletin* goes on to list the participants, in the "order of merit," as follows: X1AY-4542, VK2LZ-4017, W4AJY-2399, W9NY-2260, J2HJ-1401, ZS1H-1067, W9FM-929, W9FFQ-876, G2YL-779, F8OZ-702, G2HG-698, J2IS-683, D4BMJ/KJP-659, ZL3AJ-658, VK2HY-658, OK1AW-556, PAOQQ-418, W9EGE-240, G5LA-204, VK4EI-183, G5OJ-144, D4OON-102, G6WN-90, VK4GK-75. Late entries were received from VK4BB-1627, VK3JJ-440 and ZL1BA-698. Certificates of Merit have been awarded to the first 10 stations.

In the A.R.R.L. Contest ten W/VE leaders placed in the order W9NY, W4AJY, W4TZ, W4AGP, W6CAL, W9FFQ, W9GPF, W1ZB, W9FM, W1CUN. The reason the order of merit in the two contests differs is that in A.R.R.L.'s contest greater weight was given the factors of "regular reporting" and the submission of experimental data and station description. The League's contest was open only to U.S.A. and Canadian amateurs.

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1803	7"	12"	8"	1.78	1.94
1804	7"	14"	8"	2.08	2.35
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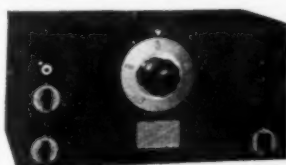
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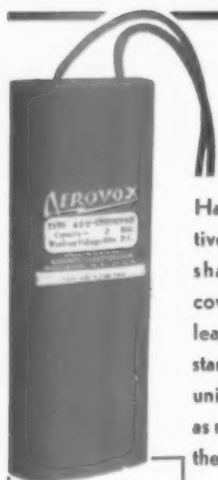
W51C won the HRO. W9AFN the RME-9DS, W9EDK the 300T. The rest of the 58 prize winners finished in this order: W9OX W9MGV W9OGT W9KQX W9TAM W5CEZ W9RSO W5BSG W8KAY W9PAZ W5ETT W5DQ W9GCG W7BSU W5FB W9HSB W9FLG W5ASG W7EOL W5ELE W5AMO W9NVX W9KEO W9GET W4CVS W9KJB W9DMA W8IM W9VKF W5EBT W4COR W6CUZ W9ISR W9TKX W5ATI W9UBS W4AG W5DPE W9MIN W4BOU W9LTE W8EO W5AQS W5DCR W7COX W9AJA W9ROR W5DOD W4BEI W9MZD W9FOD W9RIZ W9NWX W9SEC W5DQV.

Due to the fact that the judging was completed at a very poor time for early publication in QST it was deemed advisable to mail out announcements at once, which was done the last of January. Complete results were sent to all participating stations whose calls appeared on the entries even though that station did not send in an entry. If you did not receive this announcement and would like to have it, it is yours for the asking. It contains a complete list of prizes, winners, pictures of the first three, and a statement by the Francis E. Teel Co., Certified Public Accountants, guaranteeing accuracy of results.

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## VE-W Contest Scores

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Maritime			Ontario (Continued)		
VE1EP	18,921	134 34	VE3PL	1,824	38 19
VE1GE	15,651	94 37	VE3AE	1,512	24 14
VE1EK	7,857	70 27	VE3QB	1,056	28 11
VE1EV	7,693	78 22	VE3AET	864	20 12
Quebec			VE38S	776	17 11
VE2DG	22,732	151 35	VE3JT	570	14 10
VE2JK	17,370	134 30	VE3ADD	270	10 9
VE2DR	13,299	145 37	VE3ADR	242	9 7
VE2EE	11,359	115 37	VE3YY	180	10 8
VE2PG	9,472	105 32	VE3TO	113	5 8
VE2HG	5,133	61 29	Manitoba		
VE2HP	5,076	49 24	VE4KX	6,090	74 29
VE2IN	4,644	66 18	VE4TR	5,412	62 22
VE2CS	3,240	60 20	VE4SF	2,232	31 16
VE2AA	2,835	49 21	VE4YO	792	16 14
VE2JZ	2,741	35 21	VE4TV	756	18 14
VE2BO	882	21 14	VE4SO	171	7 6
VE2JJ	705	17 10	Saskatchewan		
Ontario			VE4QZ	23,431	128 41
VE3QD	21,840	188 40	VE4KA	20,358	120 39
VE3TD	19,152	118 38	VE4IG	9,061	37 22
VE3GT	10,913	96 25	VE4QS	1,716	37 22
VE3ACS	7,980	66 28	VE4UN	1,267	23 13
VE3DU	7,011	57 28	Alberta		
VE3EM	6,646	79 21	VE4PH	15,219	89 38
VE3EO	5,550	52 25	VE4GE	4,504	42 21
VE3ACM	5,320	68 28	VE4UY	150	9 4
VE3CG	4,140	48 20	British Columbia		
VE3AEJ	4,047	33 19	VE5HQ	21,995	124 41
VE3QK	3,960	60 22	VE5KF	13,974	100 34
VE3ZO	3,270	45 20	VE5EO	10,096	94 32
VE3ZV	3,150	35 10	VE5JC	4,347	63 27
VE3LZ	2,080	24 13			

W SCORES—VE/W CONTEST, 1935

Eastern Pennsylvania			Indiana		
W3DMQ	12,285	67 7	W9TYF	13,135	47 7
W3AIZ	8,442	46 7	W9EGP	7,466	33 7
W3EOP	8,127	34 7	W9IU	6,887	36 7
W3BRU	7,686	42 7	W9RGB	6,111	33 7
W3CHH	6,741	37 7	W9ABB	3,402	18 7
W3BXE	4,860	20 5	Kentucky		
W8MAH/S	4,788	26 7	W9OMW	126	6 1
W3CPI	2,484	16 6	Michigan		
W3FKJ	2,471	23 3	W8QOB	5,103	27 7
W3EYO	2,295	29 3	W8ITK	2,322	15 6
W3ADE	270	5 2	W8MPT	1,134	10 3
W8IWT	162	3 2	W8NUV	405	5 2
W3ELZ	108	2 2	W8HA	27	1 1
W3EPI	108	2 2	Ohio		
W3BGD	63	3 1	W8JIN	11,016	68 6
Md.-Del.-D. C.			W8BYM	5,544	30 7
W3OZ	2,916	18 6	W8DQZ	2,916	20 6
W3EPQ	2,065	17 3	W8BOF	1,035	12 5
W3CDG	1,539	19 4	W8LCO	1,008	10 4
W3FSP	365	3 3	W8KZO	810	5 4
W3EIL	270	5 2	W8CBI	162	2 2
W3FRV	108	5 2	W8MMF	162	2 2
W3BKZ	108	3 3	Wisconsin		
W3COK	108	2 2	W9PTE	8,600	31 7
Southern New Jersey			W9RQM	6,521	23 7
W3DBD	6,552	38 7	W9ESJ	756	7 4
W3FBM	513	7 2	W9RH	432	4 4
Western New York			W9MRW	54	2 2
W8JTT	7,560	39 5	South Dakota		
W8NUY	4,968	24 5	W9FOQ	270	4 1
W8GWT	3,321	15 6	Northern Minnesota		
W8FUG	2,475	19 5	W9RIA	1,674	11 4
W8KJW	1,620	15 5	W9KUI	41	1 1
W8MQX	1,539	19 2	Southern Minnesota		
W8NWT	1,539	18 3	W9VKF	6,614	34 5
W8EMW	1,485	11 5	Arkansas		
W8MBI	1,296	24 2	W5BDW	6,489	35 7
W8MKA	1,080	6 5	W5ASG	2,709	15 7
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Western Pennsylvania			W5BZR	216	4 2
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W8NSF	1,845	15 6	W2GKR	11,277	63 3
W8MKJ	1,215	15 2	W2DHI	6,237	34 3
Illinois			W2EYS	2,875	25 2
W9DQH	8,789	33 7	W2GCP	1,656	16 1
W9MUX	5,346	22 6	W2GKW	1,580	13 1
W9AGM	4,347	18 7	W2HBO	540	10 1
W9TSV	1,665	13 5	W2IMP	513	7 7
W9CEO	1,116	12 4			
W9LIG	954	19 2			
W9OCW	828	11 4			
W9ISM	828	8 4			
W9TAY	324	6 2			
W9LL	162	3 2			
W9GMT	162	3 2			
W9SGZ	108	2 2			
W9AND	81	3 1			
W9WR	27	1 1			

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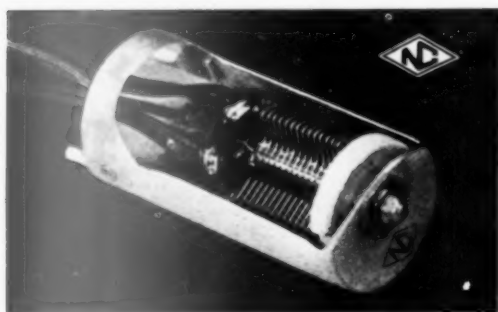
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W2GQX	1,647	21	3
W2HXT	1,296	16	2
W2CW	1,116	13	4
W2CJX	936	6	6
W2GVZ	270	5	2
W2CPJ	216	4	2

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W9DIB	648	8	3
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W9GBJ	6,489	35	7
W9NNZ	4,725	25	7
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W7EXM	27	1	1

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W7ECX	2,309	23	3
W7EYD	1,080	18	3
W7TZ	81	3	1
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W6DQH	81	2	1
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W6JHA	54	2	1

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W6MZH	41	1	1
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### San Joaquin

W6MVK	324	4	3
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### San Diego

W6GTM	5,508	34	6
W6EPZ	2,538	19	6

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W9DQD	108	2	2
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W6FRN	2,808	18	6
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### Alabama

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W4CJG	3,132	22	6
W4APU	944	10	4
W4BJA	162	4	1

### Los Angeles

W6KRI	9,639	51	7
W6GAL	8,505	47	7
W6ENQ	8,505	47	7
W6CEM	3,591	21	7
W6ACL	2,646	17	6
W6CPG	27	1	1

### Northern Texas

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W5CPB	810	6	5

### Oklahoma

W5DQB	27	2	1
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### Southern Texas

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W5AKO	1,170	10	5
W5BKE	756	7	4
W5BDI	648	8	3
W5DMB	81	3	1

## An Improved Speech Preamplifier

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cation curve is given in Fig. 2 as a function of the deviation from the 1000-cycle gain in decibels.

Where the preamplifier is three or four feet away from the filament and plate voltage trans-

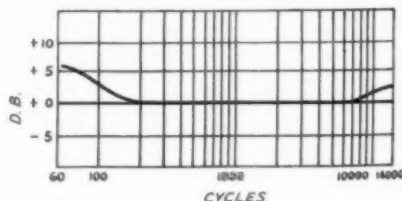


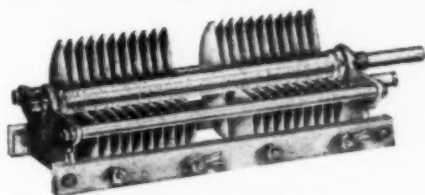
FIG. 2

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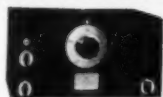
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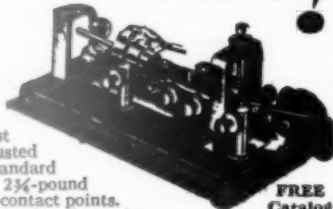
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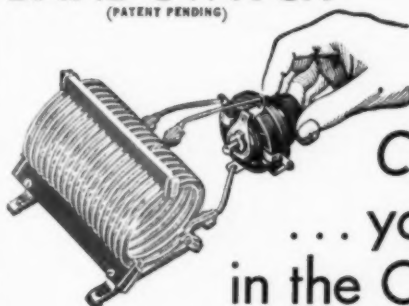
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Plate current	1.7 ma.
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Plate resistance	1.2 megohms
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Mutual conductance	650 micromhos
Grid-plate capacitance (with shield)	.007 $\mu$ fd.
Input capacitance	4.6 $\mu$ fd.
Output capacitance	11 $\mu$ fd.

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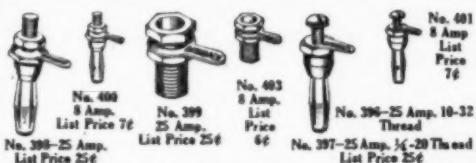
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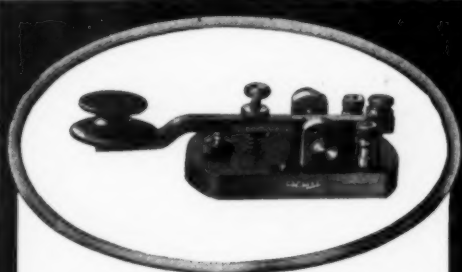
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As is usually the case with any new system, a short period of familiarization with the operation and capabilities of the device is necessary for full realization of its possibilities. In general, the greatest reduction of noise for a given signal will be obtained when the noise threshold control is advanced as nearly as possible to the point where the signal starts to cut itself off. In c.w. reception it is possible to go beyond this point and obtain a further improvement in signal-to-noise ratio, even though the actual signal strength is reduced. Since the control can be advanced farther on weak signals than on strong before the cut-off point occurs, the actual noise volume on weak signals can be reduced to greater extent than on strong ones. *In any case, when the device is working properly it should be possible to reduce the noise to such an extent that a weak signal is just as readable as it would be were the noise not present under normal receiver operation.* It may be possible to hear some of the noise components in the background, but their strength will be down far enough so that the readability of the signal is not impaired. With the control set for full strength on strong signals, the noise background may be somewhat louder, but the readability is of course unaffected.

It is not possible to go quite as far in noise silencing action on 'phone signals, although the device does make fairly weak signals, completely drowned out by the noise in normal reception, perfectly readable. Adjustment of the noise threshold control is considerably more critical for maximum results than with c.w. reception. If the control is advanced too far, the carrier will block itself off, leaving only a few sidebands to break through. These are of course unintelligible. Furthermore, the control cannot be advanced quite to the point of cut-off, as in c.w. reception, because doing so would cause the up-modulation peaks to be cut off, resulting in lop-sided modulation and distortion. Hence the residual noise may be slightly louder when the control is correctly adjusted for 'phone reception than for c.w. reception of a carrier of equal strength. A properly-modulated 'phone signal comes out better under these conditions than one badly over-modulated, since the control can be advanced farther before peaks are chopped off.

If the unit is to operate properly it is essential that the signal level at the grid of the noise amplifier tube be high enough to make possible cut-off of both signal and noise after passing through the noise amplifier and rectifier. This condition generally will be met when the 6L7 is substituted for the second i.f. tube in the receiver. An additional noise amplifying stage will be advisable should the receiver have only one i.f. stage. The opera-

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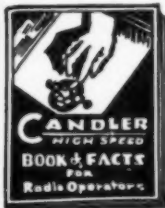
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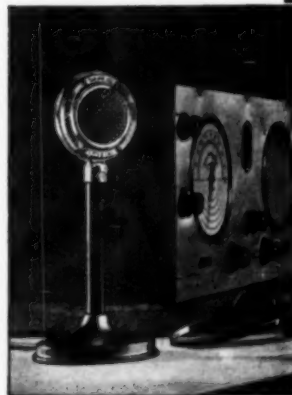
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## STATION ACTIVITIES

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### WEST GULF DIVISION

**NORTHERN TEXAS—SCM,** Richard M. Cobb, W5BII—DXA has been appointed Route Manager and makes the B.P.L. this month. EFO is new A.A.R.S. member and is active on 3.5 mc. EEW handles most of his traffic on A.A.R.S. special frequencies. AZB will soon be an O.R.S. EES is working for an O.R.S. appointment. NW, our Director, has been running schedules with A.R. R.L. Hdqrs. He requests that we get more activity on the Cairo Survey. DUR is also active. DNE is now T.L.S. on Trunk "D." ZD is on regularly with an FB bunch of schedules. DVD reports from Plainview, Tex. ARS hopes to be able to resume schedules soon. APW has been rebuilding. COK wants more traffic. CPB has been doing a little work on 28 mc. EMG has '03A on now. FBQ worked the yacht *Orinoco* at sea and other FB DX. He is now trying for W.A.S. using less than 16 watts input. CPT has worked all W's on 28 mc. with 5 watts and says it sure is a swell band. AID had more QSO's during the year 1935 than the previous four years put together; he is really on the air! AL lets the ex-YL listen to hams on his Sky rider for entertainment while she is recovering from an operation in the hospital. QU is active on 7 mc. EJJ is pounding brass at AQY at A. & M. College. Friends of DHH should ask him about the fire at his shack!!

Traffic: W5DXA 620 EEW 5 (WLMF 527) AZB 345 EES 291 DNE 279 BXA 278 ZD 261 DVD 77 DMA 72 ARS 2 COK 40 CPB 29 EMG 9 FBQ-CPT 11 AID 10 ARV 5 BIT 22.

**OKLAHOMA—SCM,** Carter L. Simpson, W5CEZ—CEZ wound new plug-in inductances for rig and installed new RK-18 in buffer stage of rig. AMT again makes the B.P.L. EXZ's traffic total continues to increase; he receives O.R.S. appointment and wants more traffic schedules. DZU has the Okla. A.A.R.S. 2nd district working nicely again. FX has moved 5 times in 5 years; all his traffic is handled with A.A.R.S. stations. ASF conducts A.A.R.S. drill on 3.9-mc. 'phone working cross band. ADC enjoys work in the A.A.R.S. ERM has been appointed L.N.C.S. and likes work in A.A.R.S. BTZ and FDP work 'phone 100%. ASQ took two N.C.R. recruits to Tulsa for medical examination. FGX has new Sky rider and a pair of '10's in final. EMD purchased a new crystal so he can work on 7 mc. DQB signed up with the A.A.R.S. C.W. net. BWN is building a nifty relay rack job and finally got his sky hooks up at the new QRA. BDZ says early morning activity on 3.5 mc. isn't what it used to be. FFK is an old-timer getting back into the harness; he has O.R.S. appointment and telegraphs for a living. ESP learned to pound brass from his Dad, who is an old Morse opr. EYH says dope in last QST was wrong; he has but one ten in final instead of two. ERS has changed QRA and is working portable. EWS has a new SW3 and fixed the rig so it ticks like 700 bucks. EGQ worked a J with one of his '10's in a P.P. final out. ERX' landlord made him get a new QRA. DQM now has all his parts for the new receiver. AIR is building a transmitter for mobile operation from a police car on 9 meters. COU works plenty of DX with a pair of RK-20's. CIZ, who moved from Ponca City to Midland, Texas, is back in the fold with a new ticket and is building a new rig. Santa Claus left CEQ a pair of 801's. CFA won an 11 tube R.C.A. receiver for having the oldest receiver in Seminole County. KZ tried to push his 801's too hard and blew his filter. EJJ is moving to Oklahoma City.

Traffic: W5CEZ 1224 AMT 374 EXZ 226 DZU 190 FX 112 ASF 115 ADC 104 ERM 95 BTZ 70 FDP 65 DDW 30 ASQ 24 FGX 23 EMD 22 DQB 20 BWN 14 BDZ 10 FFK 5 ESP 5 EYH 3 ERS 1.

**SOUTHERN TEXAS—SCM,** Ammon O. Young, W5BDI—Reports picked up nicely this month, but we need more yet. Let's see if we can get them next time. BEF turns in a nice traffic total. Austin: BB sends in a nice letter telling all about his new rig and the HK3ER that he worked with it. VV is working 14-mc. DX and will soon be on 28 mc. KA is building a 14-mc. 'phone rig with RK28's in the final for VV. AXV has worked all districts on 28 mc. with a grid modulated '46 in the final, which is running 2 watts input. BXH is off the air, as he is now a traveling salesman. CMY, EUN and CLP, who is from Beeville but now is in Austin, are all on 7-mc. C.W. DGG says he will have a pair of '03A's in the final soon. El Paso: The Transmitting Amateurs Association has reorganized

with EQH as president. FBR is rebuilding a 50-watt 1.75-mc. 'phone. DE is on 3.9-mc. 'phone and 7-mc. C.W. AOT has a new 3.9-mc. doubler. BTA hopes to have a new rig on soon. CWW is using a 1.75-mc. 'phone with 2.5 watts input. FGM is a new 7-mc. station. DYZ has new Super Sky rider. GI will be back on 7 mc. soon. CWD is experimenting with 56-mc. antennas and feed lines. DXH is rebuilding. AEC is busy at local B.C.L. station. 6FDE and 6ALR are now relocating here. EQH and DYM are both working 1.75-mc. 'phone and 7-mc. C.W. EEC is on the air with a new 1.75-mc. 'phone. DWN is on with his new Collins 4A. Kingsville: The Kingsville Amateur Radio Club puts out a neat publication—"It Oscillates." EYR seems to like 53's. EUO has worked all districts. EUO, HP, ERC, EYR and FGL are all interested in 28 mc. San Antonio: MN again leads in traffic. BWM reports that his business has kept him on the road lately. 6LHU is portable in San Antonio. JC was a reported winner in the Radio Lab. Contest. BVG is working DX at Kelly Field, Houston: HU is rebuilding his 'phone rig. BEL is on 7 mc. DOM says he has been getting hot on 3.9-mc. 'phone. EEX is working DX on 7 and 28 mc. EWJ will soon be on with a complete new outfit. FFP wants to work a W7. BHO handles some traffic and applies for O.P.S. FDR is handling gobs of traffic with his new \$60 final. BCU worked DANXR on 7 mc. The Houston Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a contest which should help some of the local gang get their W.A.S. The contest starts at midnight the night of April 3rd and lasts two weeks. Any other clubs interested in staging a similar contest during same time can get the dope by addressing the local club at Box 707. DMB has his W.A.S. FJA visits the Houston Amateur Radio Club and reports that he is rebuilding his rig for 14- and 28-mc. operation. The S.C.M. would like to see some applications for A.R.R.L. appointments.

Traffic: W5MN 1278 FDR 150 BEF 147 BB 14 BHO 8 FFP 6 FJA 1 BWM 4 BDI 2 AQY 59.

**NEW MEXICO—SCM,** Joseph M. Eldodt, W5CGJ—ELL spent his Christmas vacation at home. JZ is visiting in Michigan. CJP visited the S.C.M.'s shack, etc.—Hi. DZY has applied for license modification and is off the air until it arrives. Not near enough of the gang are reporting. Let's use up some of the space allotted to us. Send 'em in!

Traffic: W5ZM 37 CGJ 7 DZY 54.

### DELTA DIVISION

**ARKANSAS—SCM,** H. E. Velte, W5ABI—DHU has low-power 'phone on 3.9 mc. DRZ has rebuilt and is on 1.75-mc. 'phone. AAJ is going strong on Trunk Line "H." CPV has plans for a 300-watt rig. EIP worked ZU6M for 14-mc. W.A.C. FB. FDL uses 59 oscillator, 59 buffer. CVO is doing fine work on the Cairo Survey. EHF is in C.C.C. station at Casa. BDW hooked a J which makes him W.A.C. ELM is now an OM. Hi. ASD is now op on the S.S. *Fairland*, between Mobile and Porto Rico. EWV is attending Ark. State Teachers College. DUU held QSO with an aeroplane in transit. FKQ, a new ham at Wabasha, has a type '10 in the final, 70 watts input. FJY uses a '47 crystal oscillator, '46 doubler. SI was elected Delta Division Director. Congratulations. IQ and DVR are on 1.75-mc. 'phone. FM will have to build his YF a 'phone rig. DRR asks all Arkansas 'phone men to report to him each month for QST. ABI now has a 211-D in final. There are many of the gang over the state who are not taking the trouble to report each month as they should. Don't forget those reports on the 16th of each month. All O.R.S. and O.P.S. are asked to watch the dates on their certificates, and to send them to the S.C.M. for endorsement. Thanks.

Traffic: W5DHU 207 DRZ 1 AAJ 38 CPV 15 EIP 1 BDW 3 EWV 16 FJY 4 ABI 205.

**LOUISIANA—SCM,** W. J. Wilkinson, Jr., W5DWW—BUK is active in the N.C.R. HR is keeping A.A.R.S. schedules. BPL is building 1.75-mc. 'phone for DYR. CMV is active in Shreveport. FLZ has 1.75-mc. 'phone in Shreveport. Congratulations to Arledge, 5SI, on Director election. AO is building model boats. EAI is building new rig. EEZ is at Port Arthur College. FHH is on 7-mc. C.W. DMF, EEV, EDZ, EEW, EDM and CWX are attending Tulane Univ. DWW is on 7030 kc. every day. ERV is doing fine on 1.75 mc. Let's have more reports next month.

Traffic: W5BUK 5 HR 10 BPL 7 CMV 23 DKR 15 DWW 30.

**MISSISSIPPI—SCM,** J. H. Weems, Jr., W5CWQ—CO is rebuilding. 6JDW is portable 1.75-mc. 'phone in Clarksdale. ECI is new 1.75-mc. 'phone. CJB built 1.75-mc. 'phone rig for EPO. AGZ has new '52's in final. BJD moved across town. DXG keeps daily schedule with ZS6AF. EVR visited



DXG. EZA visited AWU and BTL. FIT is building. FJK works 56 mc. EZA is on 28 mc. CRG put 211D in output. AJT has new Jrt opr. Congrats, OM. He has P.P. 800's now. CWQ, DEJ, CJB, ELS and FBY closed up and went home for the Holidays.

Traffic: W5CWQ 29. (Nov. Dec. W5CWQ 102.)

TENNESSEE—SCM, Merrill B. Parker, Jr., W4BBT/WLRI—R.M.'s: 4CXY, 4AYE, 4AEP. PL turns in an FB traffic report this month. FX is CXY's alternate on Trunk "B." A blown filter condenser kept BMH off the air for several days. DEP is directing the Tenn. Traffic Net while CXY is rebuilding rig. VK reports good results on 3.9-mc. 'phone. ABY is working 3.9- and 14-mc. 'phone. GX embarked upon the sea of matrimony and is now anchored at Cincinnati, where he is working with the American Airways. DGR worked all U. S. districts on 1.75-mc. 'phone and is now planning on trying 28 mc. BFZ finally got his crystal rig to perk, and is active on 3.5 mc. DVQ sends a very nice letter. FB, OM, we wish more of the newcomers would let us hear from them! BM was QRL making preparations for the annual banquet and hamfest of the Nashville Amateur Radio Club, held Jan. 25th. ACU has been appointed to the operating staff of Nashville's new police radio, 4XAU. NL has been bitten by the "bug" again, and is rebuilding from ground to skywire. DKV hopes to have his a.s. super completed soon. DLK gets out FB with only 12 watts input. BUL says the new metal tubes are swell for 56-mc. receivers. DKW is also experimenting with metal tubes. CYP is getting ready for the DX contest by installing a 50-T in his rig. DDF also plans to enter the DX competition with his 300-watt rig. ZP says he will be finished with his rebuilding soon. APA is building a frequency meter. DFB works all kinds of DX—his latest is an OK2. CUP is reported to be quite hopeful since this is Leap Year. DDJ swapped his '81's for 866's and reports much better regulation. PL did some FB QRR work during the recent ice storm which blanketed the South. DRE started towards W.A.S. by working 39 states over one week-end! CBA is installing a break-in system. BBT has at last found a location for a 3.5-mc. half-wave Zepp! There is a noticeable increase in reports this month. FB, gang, and keep up the good work!! BAF was elected "Chief Lid" of the Nashville gang! ARP says that the "Hills of Tennessee" interfere with his 56-mc. work. CZL is back in Chattanooga with a new job. ATW got a new job. BOZ has come to life again. BQK says it's so long since he's reported traffic that he doesn't remember how to figure up his total. R.M. CXY continues to publish "CQ TENNESSEE," which is the best section bull we've ever come upon. Your name and address on a postal card addressed to CXY will put you on the mailing list! Don't pass this up!!!

Traffic: W4PL 339 CBA 124 CXY 119 DEP 102 AEP 75 FX 47 RO 44 BQK 37 BBT 32 BPE 20 VK 12 ACU 9 DDF 8 BFZ 6 DDJ 4 AYE 28.

#### SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA—Acting SCM, J. Wesley Davis, W4DS. R.M.'s: 4BOU, 4APU, and 4CRF. We have a large number of new reporters this month. FB, OM's, and thanks. Alabama is on the map, and wide awake. Birmingham: The B.A.R.C. at its last meeting elected the following officers: DGS, pres.; DID, vice-pres.; AAQ, treas.; DGM and APU, secretary. APU says T.L. "J" is still FB, also that he will be heard on eight frequencies in 3.5 mc. band. DD is in Tenn. traffic net now. JY is pushing a pair of 212D's on 14 and 7 mc. DID is quite active on 1867-ke. 'phone. DGS, most active O.P.S., reports a traffic total and 35 QSO's on 56 mc. FB, OM. I wish more of the 'phone boys would report their traffic. BTT is building 100-watt rig for five-band operation; he is on 28,250 kc. now. Welcome to DUM, a new voice; he has 60 watts on 1931 ke. CNY increased power 5 to 8 watts. Hi. BRX's sky wire has been down since Xmas. Welcome to BSQ, a new peep on 3546 kc. ARJ claims a 60-watt control grid messolated rig on 1850 kc. Hi. DAT is working on 600-watt job for c.w. on 3.5 and 7 mc. DPR is in QRL school. Mobile: AGK, ex-1VP-3BZA, is on now with 300 watts into a pair of 242A's P.P., 7 and 14 mc. GP is all set with new receiver and 1.75-mc. 'phone rig. OA will never tire of DX, it seems; his operating hours are our sleeping hours. BLL is back with a pair of '10's P.P. on 7 and 3.5 mc., also a new PR-10. CRF is building another rig. Hi. Tuscaloosa: BVH is on the air two years after receiving license. CRG is antenna experimenting. DMO is quite active on 7 mc. DNH is handling traffic on 3.5 mc. AKP and DGW are trying out 802's. Ex-BEB is applying for new ticket. JX is back from New York. ALG is Tusky's only 'phone. Correction of hams at U. of A.:

BCL, AYK, BVH, BOU, DAU and 2ESC. Marion: DEQ is going places with 500 watts on a pair of '03A's. DMZ has new rig perking. Auburn: CYC sends in first report. Thanks, OM. He reports following hams at A.P.I.: BRF, AYE, DEL., AZH, CYC and SGCS. Crichton: NU took on an OW. DMQ is quite active on 3.5 mc. with 100 watts on a pair of '10's. Springhill: DJV is new O.R.S.; he cooperated with Coast Guard on flood information, also relayed information on lost boy. That's service that counts. DHG is new O.P.S. and O.B.S., a fine 'phone on 1916 kc. Anniston: BCU will be on more regularly. BAQ is N. Ala. star traffic man. DPY, Oxford, worked a W7 for his first QSO. Welcome, OM. DXI, Monteale, another new ham, starts with a TNT rig and All Star Jr. FB, and Howdy. AXU is back on in Oneonta. DNV from Dothan, new reporter, will have a pair of 860's perking on 1.75-mc. 'phone and 3.5-mc. c.w. KT, Opelika, just completed a 200-watt job for 3.9- and 14-mc. 'phone. A 50-watt peep is in Demopolis now as CZO. BMM, the 'phone R.M., has new Elmac 50-T in final. On Jan. 9th the Mobile, Birmingham and Montgomery Radio Clubs held a joint meeting by means of 1.75-mc. 'phone. The meeting was 100 percent. FB. That helps ham fellowship. CZH helped to find a lost boy. Good work, OM.

Traffic: W4DS 55 RS 38 APU 175 BOU 26 BAQ 27 DMQ 6 BMM 7 DGS 29 DJV 19 DMZ 6 CZH 2 DD 40 DHG 4 BRX 6 ARJ 4.

EASTERN FLORIDA—SCM, Philip A. McMasters, W4BCZ—AOK is putting in '04A final and ribbon mike. AKA, XYL and new Jr. op. visited the S.C.M. ASR is new master oscillator of the Knights of the Kilocycles. GS is the new secretary. All members please plan your vacations so that you will be able to attend the meeting in St. Pete on Sept. 5th and 6th during the Southeastern Division Convention. CWR, DBA, DOM and 9SDR visited CQZ in Ft. Meyers and helped him get his antenna system working. BXL and CQZ are new members of the K. of Kc. DLV is putting out a nice signal from Merit Island. COSYB is putting in a nice 3.9-mc. signal in the mornings. ACZ, the big holler and bellow man from Lake Worth, is planning a war on BYY, the DX man in the swamp. It is rumored that another power increase is in the offing. BCZ has gone quality conscious; a new preamplifier and crystal mike are the result. BNI had trouble with his amplifier. A lot of the gang tried to work "G's" during the tests with R.S.G.B. ACZ and BYY were either working G5VL or else doing a good job of kidding someone. COT has a lot of schedules in the Caribbean Islands. BYS handled a nice traffic total and schedules 4BBV, 4DNV and CM7CX daily. He reports 3DTI (ex-4BRB) back in West Palm Beach. CNA worked VE on 1.75-mc. 'phone with 60 watts. 1JMF, 2DVU and 8LJZ are visitors in Miami. 2DVU will be W4 soon. 4BXL with 12 watts is getting out OK on 'phone from sick bed. Coconut Grove Club has new quarters and club station in Fire House No. 7. Visitors welcome. BXL wants O.P.S. and O.R.S. S.C.M. received a bunch of lies about DX from DRZ. Hi. Hi. 9KE visited DLL in Jax on his way to Miami. DBA has new single-wire-fed 1.75-mc. sky hook. CPG is working out on 3.9 and 14 mc. DUA sends in his first report from Taft. He is off the power lines and uses batteries on P.P. '71A's. CMN is op. on the Bull Line S.S. Carolyn and is planning a 28-mc. mobile outfit for ham use. DUE, who will be remembered as W4SWL at the Miami Convention, is sick in bed due to burns from a gasoline heater back in December. DBO has a case of YL trouble. DNA is building flea power 'phone for 1855 kc. CQD cleaned up his shack and that of the St. Pete Club. 1JD BT4 is operating in St. Pete. DVB had a burnt-out power transformer to replace. CGV is at Navy Radio School, Norfolk. AFQ, Sikes, is transferred to Eastern Air, Washington, D. C. We will miss you, OM. AWO almost made Brass Pounders League this month. The Knights of the Kilocycles were sent off the air by fear of an overdose of QRM Sunday, January 19th; a bad electrical storm was to blame. DDM is new president of the Tampa Amateur Club. ADM, editor of the club paper, *Monitor*, is the secretary. DUG, the Tampa Club station, will operate again from the south Fla. Fair, where they have a permanent location as a fair exhibit every year. Transmitters this year will be furnished by ALP and DDM. AKJ is busy arranging schedules for Fair traffic. TZ is busy rebuilding the skywire at WDAE. BBX has a new 7-mc. rig with a pretty rack. The Alley-Gator will be published under new editors soon. CQD is reporter. We won't give the editor away yet, as he is a little guy. St. Pete Club will send you a copy, if you will send us an envelope with your address. Send requests to S.C.M. 73.

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tion of so many i.f. stages in close proximity may lead to oscillation troubles, however. Should the additional noise stage be tried and found to oscillate, one of the noise amplifier tuned circuits can be loaded down with resistance (50,000 to 100,000 ohms) to stabilize its operation; while this may result in lowered gain in the noise circuit, there still should be ample voltage available for noise suppression. Unless the cutting-off action as described above is obtained, whatever the arrangement used, full realization of the noise-reducing possibilities of the device cannot be secured.

## Transmission-Line Loading for Short Antennas

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quarter wave in length possesses capacitive reactance. This is indicated in Fig. 3. A shorted line one-fourth wave long is equivalent to a parallel resonant circuit. Incidentally the  $L_2/C$  ratio of such a "tank" may be changed at will by moving the two voltage points from one end to the other of the quarter-wave line. The open end of the line (capacity) may be considered as paralleled to the shorted end of the line (inductance). Therefore we can replace the loading coil of Fig. 2 by a closed transmission line. For adjustment of the system a sliding bridge is suggested as shown in Fig. 4. Feeders can be attached to the loading line at an appropriate point (5-A) to permit feeding the set-up from a matched-impedance line. If the loading line is only a few feet long, the feeders will have to be attached to appropriate points on the flat top on either side of the center of the loading line, Fig. 5-B.

If the loading line is long enough to be brought into the window of the operating room, two systems of feeding are feasible. The customary pick-up coil can be used with series condensers for fundamental and shunt tuning for harmonic operation, as shown in Fig. 6-A, or a Collins type impedance-matching network may be used to cover all bands, with appropriate coil and condenser changes, as at Fig. 6-B.

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If the matched impedance feeders are desired, the loading line should preferably be cut to the exact length for resonance. For operation at the even harmonics the short, or bridge, across the loading line should be removed. The point at which the feeders are attached will be different for each band, but will not be difficult to locate.

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Traffic: W4DNA 21 AFQ 52 COB 39 BCZ 1 DVB 7 CQD 90 BXL 5 CQZ 3 DUA 12 DLL 1 AOK 1 CWR 3 AWO 468 BYS 106.

**WESTERN FLORIDA**—SCM, Eddie Collins W4MS. Route Managers: 4ACB and 4AUW. CDE at last hooked that "J" and is our newest W.A.C. Congrats, Mac. AUW is planning more input to the 04. CRU has about 750 watts input. BOW has been heard on 1.75-mc. 'phone. The same wind that wrecked the French Trans-Atlantic seaplane carried DIC's 70-foot mast and BGA's 60-foot mast away with it. Sorry, OM's. DAO is working on 7- and 3.5-mc. C.W. and putting out a swell sig. KB is building a new receiver and is getting out FB with his 3.9-mc. 'phone. CMJ has an RK20 going on 7 mc. DVE has the '47-'03A "QST" job going FB. ASV is working on Postal Telegraph. SZ is at Western Union. QU rebuilt N4HQ. COG is beginning to take interest again. AXP has two transmitters and is putting out an FB sock. CRA is on in Pensacola. 3FCD/4 has a new SX9 receiver. 3FAD/4 is putting 800 in final. AUW has gone to sea again. VR is busy on 7 mc. and has FB harmonic on 28 mc. Hi. DIC is building RK-20 kicking a Gammatron job. CRA has pair of 150T's. CKV is in Pensacola and is ex-4JQ. BFD is still QRL drug store. DLO is heard on 1.75-mc. 'phone. BSJ is on 14 mc. and busy getting new QRA lined up for radio. ABK is QRL school but has crystal rig. AGS is active. ACB has been pounding out on 7 mc. in great shape. Ex-W4NC is oping at WTAL and has his rig ready to go on soon. BKQ is building 28-mc. rig. A great deal of interest in 28 mc. has been noticed, now that the gang here have found the band and hear the swell DX rolling in every day. Besides our 28-mc. pioneer, AUW, other stations moving towards this band are DIC, DAO, DTY, BKQ and MS. CTZ down in Honduras hears the W. Fla. gang FB, but can't get ham permit. Let's see more reports next month.

Traffic: W4KB 10, AXP 12, ACB 10, MS 15, DAO 3.

**GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA-CUBA-ISLE OF PINES-PORTO RICO-VIRGIN ISLANDS**—SCM, Bannie L. Stewart, W4CE—Asst SCM Georgia, G. C. Hinshelwood, W4BBV—Asst SCM Cuba, B. B. Greer, CM8YB. ACH has new Super Sky rider. TL intends rebuilding rig. CWE is using ACR-136 and is working on Cairo Survey. More hams wanted with accurate receivers to do survey work for the Cairo Convention. Vitally important. Send 4BBV your names. APK just moved into new log cabin studio. DAY has new RME69 and sleeps with it; he is on 3.9 mc. now. BAZ builds new speech equipment that works first time. CUO tries grid modulation on 1.75 mc., works DX on 7 mc. DBW goes on 1.75-mc. 'phone with '03A. UC is back on 7 mc. at new QRA. LL is busy building transmitters. JL is still holding down Army on this end. DBV increased power and is now on 3.5 mc. BIO has a new job. VF tried 1.75-mc. 'phone and is now back on 7 mc. BPG is being bitten by the bug again. Porto Rico news from K4KD: K4RJ is rebuilding to rack and panel. He is the proud papa of a brand-new YL. K4DUZ is a newcomer at Humacao and doing fine work with QRP. K4DTH, another newcomer, will be on as soon as a skywire is rigged. K4AOP is chief operator at K4DDH at University of P. R. K4DDH, Dr. Kendrick, originator of the "clear channel 14-mc. 'phone system," is on the mainland on official business. K4BU is in the U. S. at Schenectady on business at G-E. K4BRN schedules W2OC to keep in touch with K4BU. K4CVV burned out power transformer. K4DBE at Humacao is rebuilding. K4KD is still alive after 30 days' illness; he is planning new rack and panel rig. K4RJ and K4KD copied Navy Day and Armistice Day broadcasts, and have designs on the "Copying Bee" cup. K4UG has rebuilt to rack and panel, and took Radiotelegraph First examination. K4RJ, K4UG, K4AOP and K4KD were visited by W5ASD on Xmas Day.

Traffic: W4IR 1055 BW 5 BBV 542 ABS 538.

#### ROANOKE DIVISION

**NORTH CAROLINA**—SCM, H. S. Carter, W4OG—CYY, Mount Holly, leads the Section this month with an FB traffic total; he says anyone looking for traffic can find it on 3.5 mc. Durham: CUB is putting 300 watts on a pair of '03A's. 3DEH is a new operator of WDNC from Richmond, Va. TR is on 14-mc. C.W. RV uses 7- and 14-mc. C.W. now instead of 'phone. DQM works 7-mc. C.W. when not talking from CUB's 'phone. Hi. OC has at last settled down on 14-mc. 'phone. Wilmington: CPT made a New Year resolution to report every month. (Boyl! do I wish

more of the gang would do this. Hi.) BKS reports that he can't work anyone but foreigners. BPL is experimenting with an RK-23. ATY, now in the Coast Guard, was home for the Holidays. EC and BQZ are both on 14 mc. BRK plans a rig with 860 in the final following his 802. DIE is increasing power with an '03A in the final. Stateville: AGF is still going strong on A.A.R.S. Net and handles plenty of traffic. Fort Bragg: CGM is interested in model airplanes. DLD is DXing. CVQ is rebuilding. CEB on 7 mc. is doing good work. Gastonia: CEN packs a real wallop on 7 mc. and is working plenty of DX. Albemarle: DPB is using a '46 in the Reinartz 802 circuit. Warren Plains: BHR always finds time to handle some traffic. FB, OM. Charlotte: BLN has some good schedules and is looking for more; he also joined the A.A.R.S. 90KO was his recent visitor. DCS is rebuilding a rack and panel job. ALD and AEN have new receivers. ANZ is planning to get back on the air. CXC is handling plenty of traffic. Raleigh: The State College station is about ready to get on the air and promises a good report next month. BUS has joined A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps. DW is working some DX on 7 as well as traffic on 3.5 mc. Tarboro: CCH sends a nice list of DX stations heard on 14 mc. FB, OM. Winston-Salem: RA is back on the air and is still talking about working SX3A. ABT is handling the A.A.R.S. Net in an FB way. CKJ finally got his rig on the air. CYA is DXing on 7 mc. DCQ is completely rebuilt and has 550 watts on 3.5 mc. DGV is dividing his time between 'phone and C.W. BOH has 802 osc. working. With the 'Phones: BFB has a new preamplifier using metal tubes and says it is FB. DSY is off the air due to illness. Hurry and get well, OM. ALD has a new antenna. DIS is handling some traffic. CTR is getting out well on 1.75 mc. AEN has a new crystal mike. DKB has returned to Charlotte. BXF is QRL. CEL has YLitis. BQE is working 16 hours a day. CLB is QRL traveling, but always reports just the same. FB, OM. AAU has Class A ticket and is moving to 3.9 mc. CYB is suffering from sore feet, but he can still use the mike. BV has a new rig. CXO is adding more power. DLY modulates an '03A with 110 watts input with a pair of '46's. BNG gets his Mother to CQ and then he works them. Hi. WL has a 1-kw. rig on 1.75 mc. BX divides time with 3.9-mc. 'phone and 7-mc. C.W. CEI also divides time with C.W. I would like to urge all of the 'phone men to get lined up with the 'Phone Nets and get organized so traffic will move much faster. There seems to be quite a bit for North Carolina now, and I would like to see the gang give some good service on it. CU next month. 73.

Traffic: WACY 152 AGF 97 CXC 43 ABT 30 BLN 29 BHR 18 DW 11 DCQ 10 CUB 10 CVQ 5 DGV 4 OG 2 BXRACEN-CPT-CCF 1.

**VIRGINIA**—SCM, Neil E. Henry, W3BRY—ANT leads Section in traffic. BFW handled some Xmas traffic. FBI DVP is building Neon oscilloscope. FUR is playing with fly-power 1.75-mc. 'phone. AAJ is active on three bands. ELF has kw. on 7 and 14 mc. MQ says "All quiet along the Chesapeake." BRY is still minus a skywire. DZW is building a swell rack and panel rig. FQO has 1.75-mc. power 'phone going fine. BRA has new receiver. UVA worked VU2CQ for W.A.C. Virginia's new S.C.M., Charles M. Waff, Jr., 3UVA, is a student at University of Virginia, Charlottesville. A fine amateur, active in all phases of ham radio, and president of U-VA Radio Club. The retiring S.C.M. wishes to again express his deep appreciation to all the gang for their fine cooperation and many kindnesses shown him. All of you know the new S.C.M., Charlie Waff, 3UVA, Box 1212, University, Va., and if you show him the same swell help you showed me, I know that Amateur Radio in Virginia will soon be at a new peak of activity. 73 to all and again thanks very much, and hope CU soon. 3FJ sends the following news: AMB wrote an article on amateur radio for the Sunday supplement of Richmond paper. EUL serves as only contact home from Boy Scout mountain camp near Natural Bridge. DCU, BYA, EPS, AKN, GZ, CYK, BJX, EGU, CFL and FJ formed emergency net within an hour after A.P. wires failed in western part of state. FBL former Lynchburger is now on the air in Richmond. He and BZE are new A.A.R.S. DQB, AAI and EVO are whistling for DX on 14 mc. EBK, FCU and CYW are working DX on 28 mc. Ye 'ole tranceiver is used by DAM for 'phone reception on 28 mc. That kw. of BNH is blocking our receivers again. EVO erected vertical 7-mc. ant. 4AFQ is living in Alexandria and oping from DJC. Pres. CGR of Richmond Club plans for 1936. Deacon, BZ is heard raggin often. A high traffic man is FFO in C.C.C. at Yorktown. AAJ finds his young



YL more trouble and fun than a Y-cut crystal. UVA has twice weekly schedule with K6MXM.

Traffic: W3ANT 1127 BFW 11 DVP-FUR 2 AAJ 1 UVA 12 BYA 291 DCU 218 BJX 63 FFO 445 CFL 14 FJ 148 EUL 115 AKN 71 FBL 7 GZ 30—(WLQT 1388) (Nov.—Dec. AAJ 5 UVA 49 KU 7 GY 4) (Oct.—Nov. BYA 505 FJ 100 DCU 225 ELA-FQO-BRY 4 AAJ 2 CFL 1).

WEST VIRGINIA—SCM, Dr. Win. H. Riheldaffer, W8KKG—KKG has worked 5 continents on 28 mc.! TI has his rig on 28 mc. and is working U. S. in fine shape. MCL built a nice rig for OHW. LII complains of QRM on 3700 kc. My-my. NFO schedules his brother daily. ANU requests O.R.S. application and organized a radio club at Bethany College. KYJ is on 3.5 mc. with a nice sock. NEP got a nice new 3.5-mc. crystal for Xmas. OUN is new Wheeling amateur. MOP is now building a modulator. MZD is working countries we never hear. BOK is trying 28 mc. HD, KSJ, CWY, AZD, LCN, BJB, ELO and CYV attended hamfest in Pittsburgh. The code class from Clarksburg is sending five aspirants up for licenses. EIK is in new QRA and has a real sock. DMF is back on 3700 kc. OJI is getting out on 7 mc. JRL worked SX3A on 7 mc. KWI worked VU2CQ. (KKG received card from VU2CQ.) One W. Va. station has worked EA4AY on 4 bands. Guess which.

Traffic: W8KKG 102 HWT 71 MCR 30 MCL 51 LII 17 KBU-KWU 16 NS 12 OSU 2 CMJ 12 NFO-KYJ 5 LXF 6 TI 4 FQB 3 NEP 2 OXO 3 CYV 1 HD (WLHF 66).

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

ILLINOIS—SCM, Fred J. Hinds, W9WR/W9APY—R.M.'s: 9AND, 9ILH, 9KJY. P.A.M.: 9WC. Our sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Haller (9HPG) in their loss of a baby boy. BPU made T.B.T.O.C. with VK2EO. ANQ wants to work Chicago on 56 mc. At least two bootleggers have been heard using ONR's call. TWL is building a crystal rig. Traffic not much at SSC, but he's on the air. NUF has been on 14-mc. 'phone with a new Class B modulator. Listen for HQH's 1:30 a.m. QST's. ATS wishes his work wouldn't keep him from operating in contests. W.A.S. certificate Nr. 12 went to KA. ENQ worked Europe and heard lots more in 3.5-mc. tests. KJY needs confirmation of a Nevada contact for W.A.S. 801 is new transmitter at NIU's. SKF's pastime is a two-hour ragchew about tube characteristics. PCI is contemplating new 50-watter. New Super Seven at SLU and TAY. NMZ's new bug doesn't seem to raise the boys just right. VNW needs two states for W.A.S. and one continent for W.A.C. DBO's first 1936 QSO took place just a few minutes past midnight. A.A.R.S. attracts TBZ. The '03A feeding the 7-mc. Zepp (on 3.5 mc.) at EAF brings nice reports from DX—and good traffic totals. CUH is still trying to get back on the air, even with all the breaks against him. OIU is scheduling RCG, whose YL is a nurse at a hospital near OIU's. TXQ is going to Washington U. No QSP's on 56 mc., reports VCB. ACU has new Shure crystal mike. SCT is keeping his eye open for traffic he can deliver. New HRO is marvelous, thinks AA. IYA traded his t.r.f. in on an FBXA. JVV is still working on his half-KW 14-mc. 'phone. Antenna at VIP works best when it is on the ground. SIY sends in his first report. PNE is giving 28 mc. a whirl. DOU, writing from Penna., tells us he misses brasspounding, but keeps in practice by virtue of an audio osc. and bug he has with him. NPM is building SG a transmitter. MLF likes his new RME69. OW gave HUX new mike for Xmas! EWN operates ANR for the Army, and would like to hear from other hams who are soldiers. '03A in final at LGT. ILH is keeping things humming. RAQ finds, to his dismay, that crystals do not bounce on cement floors. UPW worked a W8 and then discovered his antenna switch was thrown to ground. VCG snagged a 50-T for Xmas and KHG got a 211. KHD is contemplating a bridge rectifier for 3000 volts. DDE handled all the traffic at WLTJ. The only signal STG is putting out at present is one from a clarinet. RWS is planning big things in DX schedules. UZG uses his bedpadding for a counterpoise. A receiver should be judged by the way it works on 14-mc. 'phone, thinks COW. WC is keeping 'phone bands alive. INY is only on in the daytime. OXA is working west coast on 3.5 mc. in early mornings. MRH applies for O.P.S. RNW is gathering parts for an '03A final. A free course in Amateur Radio has been started in Downers Grove. Classes are held in both theory and code under George Wernett. Registration may be made at the Community Club, 1100 Grove Street.

Traffic W8KJY 480 (WLTK 75) PLL 369 RMN 277 ENH 168 ULO 149 RAQ 126 CGV 110 (WLTG 22) ILH 103 ANR-HPG 92 EAF 81 AND 71 DBO 68 (WLTJ 13) FM 65 BJH 49 NXG 45 NGG 44 TBZ 43 NMZ 34 DDO-NXG-OQ 32 LOL 28 KEH 24 SKF 19 NIU 18 VNW 15 ENQ 14 FTX 13 KA 9 ATS-FO-HQH 8 NUF-RWS 7 TAY 6 JO 5 ONR-SSC 4 AIU-ANQ-TWL-BPU 3 CEO-KHD-UPW-RCQ 2 NHF-OQW 1. W8DDE (WLTJ 507).

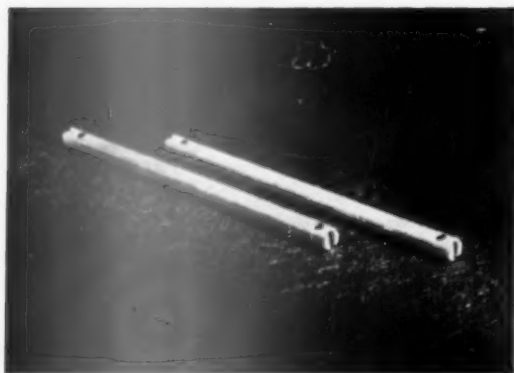
INDIANA—SCM, Arthur L. Braun, W9TE—HBK wants more power. EGQ has his super perking FB. HSF is rebuilding to portable 'phone and c.w. UT traded his super for an SW3. FXM is active on 1.75-mc. 'phone. AGZ and HKZ have new Super Skyriders. JIW likes W.A.S. idea and has 42 now. LLV is trying to line up QSO party. OEC likes rag chews on 'phone. SFG is trying new antennas on his rig. LKI is experimenting on his rig. CB is doing fine in N.C.R. activities. TTA is getting out fine on 1.75 mc. UIX is DXing on 7 and 14 mc. FQ is oping at SAL with new rig. HUO leads state in traffic. HUF is assigned WLVH now. DHJ ops on 7 and 3.5 mc., DX and traffic. AXH is thinking about 14 mc. UM is giving 14 mc. a try. TRN is planning 28-mc. rig. NTP is trying for W.A.S. on 1.75-mc. 'phone. CZD and PHV are oping 1.75-mc. 'phone. MBL built Class B mod. HUB is DXing on 28 mc. TYF likes DX on 7 and 14 mc. TBM wants to install BK-in. JRO wants O.R.S. KHC ops at home from IDZ. ODH is QRL A.A.R.S. schedules. TGC had an FB O.R.S. QSO party for Ind. O.R.S. DET is playing basketball. JST is having trouble with his antenna. IU likes to win O.R.S. parties. SVH has mod. perking FB. SNQ has new bug. PIL worked G5 for DX this month. FHM ops on Monday for N.C.R. schedules. HPQ is planning 50-mc. rig. WBI is ex 9FB back on the air. EOC worked K5, PK, HH for DX this month. UYP is building new receiver. VVJ is new at South Bend. NQJ wants high power. SRV sold his '03A. VNZ is planning a honeymoon. TE is QRL as Unit Comdr. in N.C.R.

Traffic: W8HBK 29 EGQ 5 CB 87 TTA 4 UIX 6 FQ 2 HUO 612 HUF 20 DHJ 26 AXH 6 MBL-HUV-TYF 1 TBM 159 JRO 21 ODH 29 TGC 129 IU 61 SNQ 3 FHM 5 HPQ 36 UYP 16.

KENTUCKY—SCM, G. W. Mossbarger, W9AUH—Lexington, Ky., enjoyed one of the most successful ham gatherings ever held there on January 11th, Louisville A.R.T.S. holding its regular meeting there on that date. Forty-one amateurs from all over the state attended. FZV has new 300-watt rig. ARU is honestly active. EDQ schedules west coast on Trunk "B." HBQ has usual fine total. TLZ reports AGAIN. JL as usual is rebuilding. KOX likes Ky. contests. OMW is getting contestitis. CDA fondles 50T. TKP is now quick band-changer with new rig. PAZ posts can now handle "KYN" traffic. BWJ also wants traffic. Ray! for Owensboro. RBV and SDC, Purdue twins, report faithfully. IFM champions "KYN." OX is QRL B.C.L. repairs; one way of keeping 'em quiet. BAZ flies home from Texas to report; there's a man for youse gals. HAX is jubilant over Xmas traffic. NKD cleans up note. Whooey! IXN and EDV have 'phone schedules going in fine shape. NGZ, FZL and SZK all keep mikes busy. ETT, EOM, KCZ and CMB can drink more likker, . . . no, no, what I mean is, they visited Lexington gathering, GOSH!, nearly committed a "fa paw." I dread to say so, however, ELL is now modulating the mess on 3.9 mc. MN, tall, handsome U.S.N.R. cesifer, gold braid and all, skipped home for Xmas and gave the YL's a treat. KMR's 'phone is kept hot by Y.M.C.A. class. KKG bought an RK28. Gentlemen, make this your special reporting month! 73.

Traffic: W8BGA 3 AUH 5 ELL 8 SDC 38 HAX 113 BAZ 78 OX 57 IFM 32 RBV 42 BWJ 53 PAZ 30 TKP 31 CDA 50 OMW 20 KOX 12 TLZ 3 HBQ 111 EDQ 117 ARU 15 FZV 7.

MISSOURI—SCM, J. Dewey Mills, W9CJR—Five Missouri hams make the B.P.L. this month, with AIJ leading the gang. TGN worked 6 new Europeans on 28 mc. SGP is new R.M. Miss OUD says it surprises herself to make B.P.L. OLC is operating portable in Chicago. MZD is rebuilding again. IGW works J2 for W.A.C. but still lacks the cards. DI says A.A.R.S. gets 80% of the traffic. KEI says Trunk Line "E" is going fine but needs some reliable traffic. RPC is after DX. NNZ worked 3 "G" stations few days after tests! KCG is QRL farm work. RSO, a first reporter, made W.A.C. on Xmas day. EDK worked South Africa twice with 45 watts. SIP went to 14 from 7 mc.



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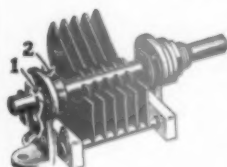
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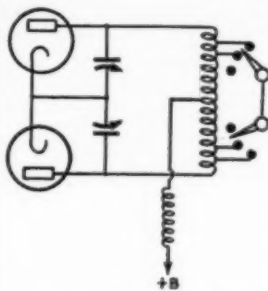
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## Notes on Band-Switching

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bands in the 803 amplifier described in the current *Handbook*.

While this situation is bad enough from a constructional standpoint, consider what happens when a balanced circuit has to be used. Instead of two switches for shorting and coupling adjustment, four are required; instead of seven taps we have fourteen! All this on one circuit alone. If the output amplifier is push-pull with link coupling



**FIG. 4—PREFERRED METHOD OF COIL-SHORTING IN BALANCED CIRCUITS**

Losses are reduced when "cold" turns are shorted, as pointed out in the text.

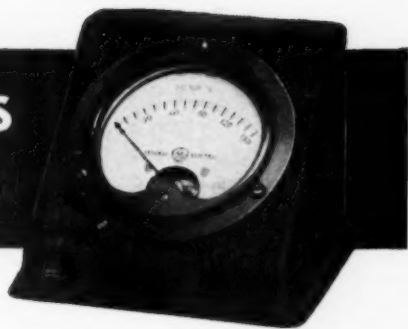
to the driver, a highly popular arrangement, then the switching arrangement of the plate circuit will have to be duplicated for the grid. Thus we end up with a total of seven or eight switches and innumerable taps for but one stage of the transmitter. When exciters and antenna equipment are added on it is not hard to perceive that the thing begins to resemble one of Rube Goldberg's contraptions. Neutralized circuits are just about as bad as push-pull, since the same necessity for maintaining balance exists.

Some simplification of the switching of a balanced circuit can be brought about by the use of a split-stator condenser for getting circuit balance and shorting from one end of the coil, since the ground point on the coil will automatically shift to the center of the active portion. However, this method is not wholly desirable for three reasons: the number of bands that can be covered is limited because of the losses introduced with shorting from a high-potential end, electrical symmetry of circuits cannot be maintained, and parallel d. c. feed becomes necessary. Furthermore, while this saves one shorting switch, it does not in the least simplify switching of the output coupling.

### TAKING STOCK

All in all, shorting out coil sections for band changing does not seem to be the whole answer to the band-switching problem. In the final analysis, all that is saved is the difference in time required between the operations of turning a switch and plugging in a coil, plus the elimination of a stock of plug-in coils. The retuning operations, which usually consume much the greater proportion of the time required for band-changing, are whittled down not one bit by coil shorting. And, as a little thought will show, the more complicated the transmitter the less time, proportionately, is saved by coil shorting. Of course that is not the whole story. Coil switching may be decidedly convenient if the transmitter is built in the metal enclosures now available in several styles, since

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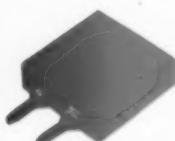


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the nuisance factor of having to open doors or take off dust covers to change coils is appreciable. However, we still run up against the inevitable conclusion that to get transmitter band-changing at all comparable in convenience and speed to that available in modern receivers just about requires a separate transmitter for each band.

Nevertheless a lot can be done to make transmitter operation more convenient, even though we don't try to go the whole way and make band-changing purely a one-knob affair. There is no reason why, for instance, switching cannot be applied to exciter circuits, even though coils may be changed in one or more high-power stages. An exciter of the type described by W9DRD will save a great deal of time and energy in band-changing. The fixed-tune tanks may not result in optimum performance from all tubes in the exciter over a whole band, but if the transmitter is designed with ample excitation the slight inefficiency can be written off as one of the prices of convenient operation. A high-power Tri-tet oscillator using an RK-20 and having switching of plate and cathode coils will provide, with suitable crystals, enough excitation for a fairly high-power amplifier, and since the usual string of low-power exciter tubes is eliminated will be found to save considerable time both in switching and retuning. In fact, the logical extension of this thought is that the really practical band-switching transmitter will have to be one designed primarily with band-switching in mind, and that band-switching is not to be considered as something which can be applied effectively to any transmitter design the builder may fancy.

The requirements to be fulfilled in such a transmitter can be stated quite simply. First, the power gain in each stage must be as high as possible so that the number of stages, and hence the number of necessary switching operations, can be reduced to a minimum. This can be modified somewhat by permitting as many low-level separate-band exciter tubes, operating with non-critical tuning, as may be desired, the large power gains being secured in the succeeding stages. Second, in the interests of practicable switching arrangements, balanced circuits should be avoided. This of course lets out neutralized amplifiers—in fact, the two requirements practically impose the condition that screen-grid pentode power tubes must be used. There is small comfort in this for those who like neutralized triodes with a driver nearly as big as the final, but transmitters of that type are not readily conquered by simple methods—at least not by the methods now in use or on the horizon.

## Strays

Remember that cartoon on page 84 of the January issue? Well, Decatur, Ill., and Piedmont, Calif., have one leg on that certificate, according to a newspaper clipping sent in by W9QQ. They QSO'd on the afternoon of December 29th, probably the first u.h.f. DX police contact!



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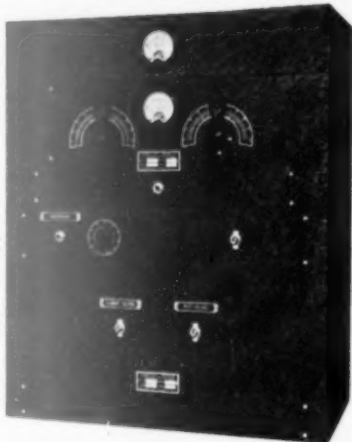
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Plate voltage.....	1000 volts
Plate current.....	150 ma.
Plate dissipation.....	60 watts

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Plate voltage.....	1000 volts
Grid voltage.....	-35 volts
Peak driving voltage (grid to grid).....	270 volts
Zero-signal plate current.....	20 ma.
Max.-signal plate current (sine wave).....	280 ma.
Load resistance (plate-to-plate).....	7600 ohms
Driving power, approx.....	6 watts
Power output.....	175 watts

As Class-B R.F. Amplifier	
Plate voltage.....	1000 volts
Grid voltage.....	-35 volts
Peak r.f. grid voltage.....	85 volts
Plate current.....	85 ma.
Grid current.....	6 ma.
Driving power, approx.....	6 watts
Power output.....	26 watts

As Plate-Modulated Class-C Amplifier	
Plate voltage.....	800 volts
Grid voltage.....	-150 volts
Peak r.f. grid voltage.....	265 volts
Plate current.....	95 ma.
Grid current.....	20 ma.
Driving power, approx.....	5 watts
Power output.....	50 watts

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Plate voltage.....	1000 volts
Grid voltage.....	-110 volts
Peak r.f. grid voltage.....	250 volts
Plate current.....	140 ma.
Grid current.....	30 ma.
Driving power, approx.....	7 watts
Power output.....	90 watts

The operating data for modulated service are for carrier conditions, based on 100% modulation capability. Recommended grid-leak resistance for r.f. service is 5000 ohms. The tube may be operated at full ratings at frequencies up to 15 mc. At 30 mc. both plate voltage and plate input should be reduced to 75% of the ratings in the tables above; at 60 mc. the reduction factor should be 50%. The tube resembles the previous 830-B physically, having graphite-plate construction with the plate connection to a top cap, with grid and filament leads brought out to a medium 4-prong base.

### THE 834

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 dium 4-prong base. Tentative characteristics are  
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Filament voltage.....	7.5 volts
Filament current.....	3.25 amps.
Amplification factor.....	10.5
Max. plate dissipation.....	50 watts
Direct interelectrode capacitances:	
Grid-plate.....	2.6 $\mu$ fd.
Grid-filament.....	2.2 $\mu$ fd.
Plate-filament.....	0.6 $\mu$ fd.
Maximum operating conditions, with typical ratings, are listed below:	

### Class-B R.F. Amplifier

Plate voltage.....	1250 volts
Grid voltage.....	-115 volts
Peak r.f. grid voltage.....	115 volts
Plate current.....	50 ma.
Grid current.....	0 ma.
Driving power, approx.....	3 watts
Power output.....	20 watts

### Plate-Modulated Class-C Amplifier

Plate voltage.....	1000 volts
Grid voltage.....	-310 volts
Peak r.f. grid voltage.....	435 volts
Plate current.....	90 ma.
Grid current.....	17.5 ma.
Driving power, approx.....	6.5 watts
Power output.....	58 watts

### C.W. Power Amplifier or Oscillator

Plate voltage.....	1250 volts
Grid voltage.....	-225 volts
Peak r.f. grid voltage.....	350 volts
Plate current.....	90 ma.
Grid current.....	15 ma.
Driving power, approx.....	4.5 watts
Power output.....	75 watts

Operating conditions for modulated service refer to carrier,  
 for use with 100% modulation. The 834 may be used at full  
 ratings up to 100 megacycles.

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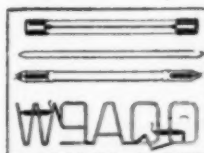
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—W4ACB

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The Amateur Transmitters Association of  
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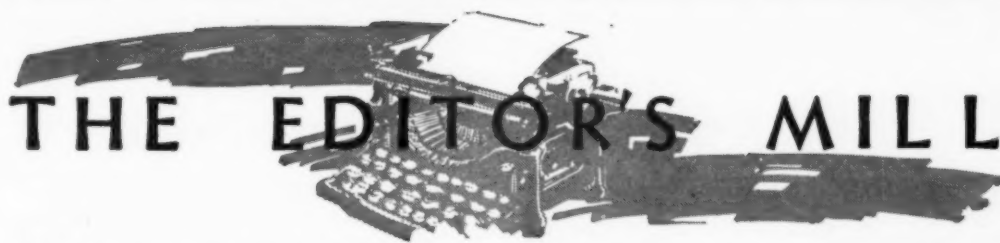
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**F**OG lay low on the hilltops of the east. The middle west groaned under its fourth successive blizzard in as many weeks; the air lines were grounded; a Canadian crystal-gazer prophesied the end of the world; the Supreme Court said the TVA would get by; Haile Selassie was reported suing for peace. That week in middle February the heavy hand of the Great Operator reached out and threw the switches that meant QRT for those two grand old men who were the much-loved leaders of the American Radio Relay League, Hiram Percy Maxim, our president, and Charles H. Stewart, our vice-president. Thus passed into immortal history the man who founded our society and gave it its name and who has been constantly our leader and our inspiration, and the man who was our legislative expert and who gave of his services in a fashion never excelled in our annals.

It is with an impossibly heavy heart that we address ourselves to the sad task of chronicling in these pages something of the debt that amateur radio owes these two men. As we sit before our typewriter we wonder whether, in the sorrow we feel, it will be possible for us to find anything like adequate words. That they should leave us at the same time is an appalling loss. It is the loss of friends and of wise and experienced leaders, of men who had the vision clear, a loss that will be felt through the entire structure of amateur radio.

Charlie Stewart was the first to go. He had not been in good health for several years, his troubles dating from an occasion when he ran to catch a train and strained his heart. He was unable to attend last year's Board meeting but by last autumn was greatly improved. He was put in a hospital on February 8th, just to obtain a rest, and there passed on suddenly on the 12th. He was 63 years old. We helped to bury him in beautiful West Laurel Hill, in suburban Philadelphia, on the 15th, under a blanket of roses bearing the letters A.R.R.L. in flowers, and surrounded by innumerable floral tributes from amateur clubs.

The Old Chief, Hiram Percy Maxim, was journeying to the southwest on a vacation with his wife when he contracted a throat infection. Despite treatment between trains in Kansas City he became worse, and at LaJunta, Colorado, he

was removed from the train dangerously ill and put in a hospital there, his children summoned. These events took place on the very day that Charles Stewart passed on. Despite every modern medical aid . . . despite two days of encouraging progress . . . the grand old fellow who gave us birth passed on to join his fathers, on February 17th. He was 66 years old. A few days later, at Hagerstown, Maryland, a wretched group of us upon whose lives Mr. Maxim's had had so profound an influence joined his family in the last sad duties—while amateurs around the world hushed key and mike with bowed heads and many an honest tear.

The widow of our founder-president was not long to survive him. On February 26th she too passed on. Mrs. Maxim was a lovable and remarkable woman, a brilliant one, actively interested in the civic matters of her community, as befitted the daughter of a former governor of Maryland. She was a pioneer suffragist, a leader in the affairs of women, and a member of several of Hartford's city commissions. In Paris in 1925 she acted as interpreter for the American amateurs at the meetings resulting in the formation of the International Amateur Radio Union.

February was a sorrowful month . . . Fog lay low on the hilltops of the east . . .

*Father, in thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now thy servants, sleeping.*

**C**HARLES H. STEWART was born in Philadelphia, July 11, 1873, moving with his family at the age of 13 to nearby St. David's, a place that was ever after to be his home. Always modestly independent financially, he was able, after a brief business career, to indulge his heart's desire in a life which centered upon amateur radio.

He was one of the country's earliest amateurs, having started about 1906. Coherers, spark coils, electrolytic detectors, handmade loose-couplers, transformers and rotary gaps, gooseneck audions—these and everything else in the kaleidoscope of changing amateur apparatus Charles Stewart knew and worked with—up to and including a single-signal receiver. A towering ship's mast on his rear lawn still marks the old days. When the Navy commenced the issuing of "certificates of

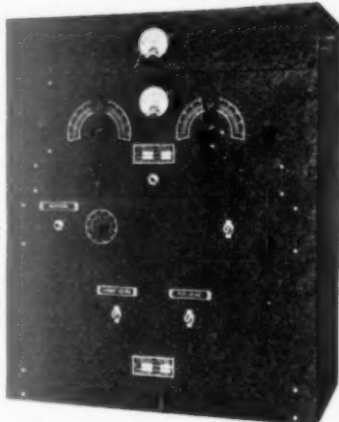
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## 830-B and 834 Transmitting Tubes Announced

TWO new tube types, known as the 830-B and 834 and corresponding quite closely to types previously available from other manufacturers, have been added to the RCA-Radiotron transmitting line. The 830-B is very similar to the well-known tube bearing the same number, but in addition to its audio ratings now also carries r.f. ratings for frequencies as high as 60 megacycles. Since the characteristics differ slightly from those of the old 830-B we list them below:

### Tentative Characteristics, 830-B

Filament voltage	10 volta
Filament current	2 amps.
Amplification factor	25
Direct interelectrode capacitances:	
Grid-plate	11 $\mu$ fd.
Grid-filament	5 $\mu$ fd.
Plate-filament	1.8 $\mu$ fd.
Maximum ratings are as follows:	
Plate voltage	1000 volta
Plate current	150 ma.
Plate dissipation	60 watts

Typical operating conditions:

#### As Class-B Modulator (2 tubes)

Plate voltage	1000 volta
Grid voltage	-35 volta
Peak driving voltage (grid to grid)	270 volta
Zero-signal plate current	20 ma.
Max.-signal plate current (sine wave)	280 ma.
Load resistance (plate-to-plate)	7600 ohms
Driving power, approx.	6 watts
Power output	175 watts

#### As Class-B R.F. Amplifier

Plate voltage	1000 volta
Grid voltage	-35 volta
Peak r.f. grid voltage	85 volta
Plate current	85 ma.
Grid current	6 ma.
Driving power, approx.	6 watts
Power output	26 watts

#### As Plate-Modulated Class-C Amplifier

Plate voltage	800 volta
Grid voltage	-150 volta
Peak r.f. grid voltage	265 volta
Plate current	95 ma.
Grid current	20 ma.
Driving power, approx.	5 watts
Power output	50 watts

#### C.W. Power Amplifier or Oscillator

Plate voltage	1000 volta
Grid voltage	-110 volta
Peak r.f. grid voltage	250 volta
Plate current	140 ma.
Grid current	30 ma.
Driving power, approx.	7 watts
Power output	90 watts

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